

Proverbs 17: 4 An evildoer listens to wicked lips; A liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.

Proverbs 26:20 For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.

Notes:



WORSHIP CONNECT IMPACT

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“KEEPING THE PEACE”

Ephesians 4:2-3

- I. A diligent preservation of spiritual unity is important because of
 1. The **v** _____ and **j** _____ of it.
 2. The _____ of disunity.
 3. Its effect on a church’s **w** _____.
 4. Its effect on a church’s _____.

- II. The Necessity for a diligent preservation of unity
 1. It is **f** _____ because we are all **s** _____.
 2. It requires **h** _____ which is not natural to us.

- III. The Pathway to a diligent preservation of spiritual unity
 1. Approach church-life to **m** _____, that is to _____, not just to _____.
 2. Be _____.
 3. **R** _____ patience and forbearance with you.
 4. Repair hurts and tears as _____ as _____.
 5. _____ to those who can change things.
 6. Beware of the **t** _____.
 7. Don’t _____ to evil **r** _____.

Scripture References:

Ephesians 4:1-6 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, ³being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Psalms 133:1 Behold how good and pleasant it is for brother to dwell together in unity.

John 6:63a It is the Spirit who gives life.

Ephesians 4:30a Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

I Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the peacemakers.

James 4:1-2 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? ²You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel.

Philippians 2:2-4 Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. ³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

Colossians 3:13 Bear with one another, and forgive each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Ephesians 4:26-27 BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not give the devil an opportunity.

Matthew 18:15 If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

James 3:5-10 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. ⁸But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; ¹⁰from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

Proverbs 11:13 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

Proverbs 16:27-28 A worthless man digs up evil, While his words are like scorching fire. ²⁸A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends.

Proverbs 17:9 He who conceals a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.