



DESTROYING DIVISION

Week 60 | July 22, 2025

*"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in **harmony** with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, **united** in thought and purpose."*

1 Corinthians 1:10

Satan knows how **powerful** a *unified church* can be. The Enemy understands the danger that believers living in harmony pose to their agenda, so they do everything in their power to sow seeds of **division** among God's people. Over the millennia they have successfully *destroyed* countless families, churches, and communities through these assaults, leaving a trail of **mangled** and **broken relationships** in their wake. But we are not defenseless, nor will we let them continue this rampage without **a fight**. This week let us *wage war* for the sake of unity by praying for the destruction of our:

1. PRIDE ([Proverbs 16:18](#))

- a. **NOTE:** *Arrogance* is what led to Satan's original **downfall** and resulted in widespread division among the hosts of heaven. *Pride* was also the tool he used to sow seeds of **dissension** between the first humans and their creator. Again, at the Tower of Babel, *human ego* led to the **total separation** of all peoples. What we see *time and time again* throughout scripture and human history is that it's our **sense of entitlement** which leads to division. The Enemy plays on our *over-inflated* sense of **self-worth**, fueling lies centered around what we think we deserve in order to *foster disunity* among **God's people**. ([Isaiah 14:12-14](#); [Revelation 12:9](#); [Genesis 3:5](#); [Genesis 11:4](#))
 - i. **For Ex.** "Lord God, thank You for **humbling yourself** in giving up Your *divine privileges*, for living as a man and **dying on a cross** for *our sake*. Thank You for allowing us to be one with You as a result of this **great sacrifice**. Work in our hearts and lives today, Lord, and *cut away every* toehold of pride that seeks to cause **division**. Set us free from what we *think we deserve*, giving us instead a gratitude that stems from and leads to **humility**. Replace the *lie of entitlement* with the truth of grace, for You have been so much *better to us than we deserve*."
 1. **REMEMBER:** Genuine **humility** is the key to true *unity*. ([Ephesians 4:2](#))

2. LUST ([Jude 1:18-19](#))

- a. **NOTE:** *Rebellion* always leads to **division** as we are faced with a simple yet vital decision: to *support* those in **opposition** of God's teaching or to stand firm in *His truth*. This rebellion often stems from our **fleshly desire** for things outside of God's *will, way, or timing*. We want **what** we want **when** and **how** we want it, and when God or his people say otherwise our *sinful nature* rears its ugly head and spews all sorts of **malicious** and **divisive** lies in order to excuse and justify its behavior. *Lust* lies at the center of this **chaos**. Whether it be for *food, drink, or sex; power, influence, or relationship*; lust always leads to **rebellion**. ([Rom. 16:17-18](#); [Rev. 2:20](#); [James 1:14-15](#))

- i. **For Ex.** “Father God, thank You for **rescuing us** from *our sin* and setting us free from the **bondage** of our *fleshly desires*. As Your children, we are no longer slaves to our *sinful natures* and instead have the power to live under the **Spirit’s leading**. We ask that today You would break the hold *lust* has taken on so many, destroying the **sinful** and **rebellious longings** that *lead to division* among Your people. Give us instead a hunger for righteousness and a thirst to live life in **total submission** to You; to Your *will, way, and waiting*.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** Harmony comes through *reconciliation*, and reconciliation through **repentance**. ([Acts 3:19](#); [Luke 17:3](#))

3. INSECURITY ([Matthew 11:6](#))

- a. **NOTE:** In a world that is more **offendable** than ever before, God’s church should be *different*. Instead, what we’re seeing is a greater degree of offense among Christians than in years past. In many ways, this **sensitivity** stems from our own *insecurity*. A lack of confidence in **who we are** results in *actions, comments, and decisions* being taken as personal attacks and **prevents forgiveness** from *flowing as freely as it should* in God’s family. We shouldn’t be surprised, for the Enemy knows and plays on our weaknesses, seeking to use **any opening** they can find in order to further *wound Christ’s followers*. ([Proverbs 17:9](#); [Mark 6:3](#); [Colossians 3:13](#))
 - i. **For Ex.** “Dear Lord, thank You for giving us a **brand new identity** in and *through Yourself*. Thank You for redeeming and rebranding our lives, for **sealing us** in Christ through *the Holy Spirit*. Destroy every lie of the Enemy out there that currently sows **seeds of insecurity** in our hearts, fueling and feeding our *sensitivities* that lead to offense. Break through the **divisive deceptions** that attempt to paint everything as a *personal attack*, and teach us to find our strength, comfort, and peace in **You alone**.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** When *offended*, look first at **yourself**. ([Luke 6:42](#))

Questions for Reflection:

- Where can you better **embrace** an *attitude of humility* that leads to unity?
 - Examine **any thought** that centers on what you *do or don’t deserve*. Entitlement likes to creep in where we least expect it.
- Do you have any **unmet desires** in your life that are *pushing you* towards rebellion?
 - **Surrender them** to God and ask Him instead to show you *the core longing* of your heart that only He can fulfill.
- **Where, when, and how** do you find yourself being easily offended?
 - Ask God to show you any undealt with *insecurities* that might lie beneath the surface, then ask Him to help you find that security **in Him**.