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# Getting Along Matters

## Philippians 4:2-3

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I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.





# Philippians 4:2

- I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

This same language is used in chapter 2. v 1-2

Quite simply Paul wants  
these two woman who he  
cares about equally to get  
along one with another in  
the church.

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Look Back @

Philippians 2:1-2

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# Philippians 2:1-2

- So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,<sup>2</sup> complete my joy **by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.**

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**The church is full of both  
men and women who are  
equally valuable to the  
work of the Lord who  
struggle at getting along.**



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**What are the  
reasons people  
don't get along in  
the church?**

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# Reasons People Don't Get Along

- Personality Conflict
- Different ways of interpreting the Scripture
- Disagreements about priorities
- Offence

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How big  
of a deal  
is this?



This a big enough issue that Paul publically addressed two individuals by name and directed a third party to get involved to facilitate reconciliation in a letter to the church. Imagine me admonishing two ladies in the Sunday bulletin note by name.



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# Listen to Paul's Admonishment in 1 Corinthians 1:10

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# 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NET)

- I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to agree together,
- to end your divisions,
- and to be united by the same mind and purpose.

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**Husbands and  
wives get divorced  
because they can't  
get along.**



So how do we  
get along?

How can we  
be reconciled?



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**#1**

Place the need for unity  
above your needs.

**Unity matters says  
Christ!**

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# Turn Back To

## John 17 v. 20ff

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**What does  
John 17  
contain?**



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# **The High Priestly Prayer of Christ Jesus Our Lord**



“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,<sup>21</sup> **that they may all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, **so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, **that they may be one** even as we are one,<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, **that they may become perfectly one**, **so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.**



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To be One  
Is to be Unified  
NOT Divided!

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**Our Unity is a  
Witness to the  
World of the  
Validity of  
Christ.**





# Psalm 133:1

•Behold, how good and  
how pleasant *it is* For  
brethren to dwell  
together in unity!

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**#2**

**Whenever possible  
simply overlook  
offenses.**

**TTOs are no big deal!**

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# Proverbs 19:11

- The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

## ESV

- Good sense makes one slow to anger, and *it is his glory* to overlook an offense.

**Ask:**  
**Is this  
something I  
can  
overlook?**



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**#3**

Take ownership of your  
part of the conflict.

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# Matthew 7:3-5

• Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

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**#4**

**Seek forgiveness and  
forgive!**

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# James 5:16 (ESV)

- Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
- The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



# Matthew 6:12 (ESV)

## We pray:

- and forgive us our debts,
- as we also have forgiven our debtors.



# Acts 7:60

- And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Who was this?



# Review

- 1) Unity matters; it is a witness
- 2) Overlook TTOs (Typical Tiny Offenses)
- 3) Take ownership of your sin
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**#5**

**Seek to understand the other  
person's perspective  
MORE.**

**This means we listen.**

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# James 1:19

- **Wherfore, my beloved brethren, let every man be**
- **swift to hear,**
- **slow to speak,**
- **slow to wrath:**



# 10 Steps to Effective Listening

**Step 1: Face the speaker and maintain eye contact.**

**Step 2: Be attentive, but relaxed.**

**Step 3: Keep an open mind.**

**Step 4: Listen to the words and try to picture what the speaker is saying.**

**Step 5: Don't interrupt and don't impose your "solutions."**



# 10 Steps to Effective Listening

**Step 6: Wait for the speaker to pause to ask clarifying questions.**

**Step 7: Ask questions only to ensure understanding.**

**Step 8: Try to feel what the speaker is feeling.**

**Step 9: Give the speaker regular feedback.**

**Step 10: Pay attention to what *isn't* said—to nonverbal cues.**

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**#6**

**Carefully analyze if  
compromise is possible.**

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**Is this something  
the Bible speaks to  
directly?**



# Compromise

**to come to agreement by  
mutual concession**

Merriam-Webster



EVERY HILL YOU FACE IS  
**NOT WORTH DYING ON**

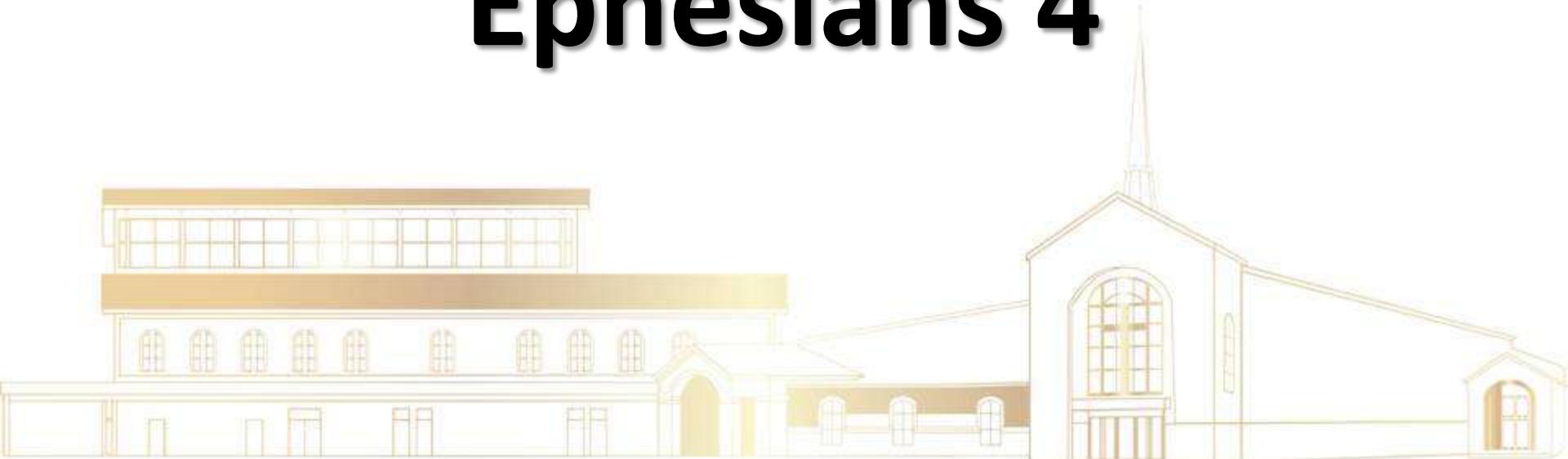


**Is this an essential to the Christian Faith?**



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**Paul seems to give us  
such a list in  
Ephesians 4**





# Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV)

- **There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

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**#7**

**Strive not to think too highly  
of yourself.**

**Say: “I could be wrong.”**

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# Romans 12:3

• **For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment,**

**Ask:**

**Am I displaying a  
spirit of  
arrogance or  
humility?**





# Philippians 2:5-7 (NET)

- You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had,<sup>6</sup> who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature.



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- 6) Determine if compromise is possible**
- 7) Crush arrogance; be humble**

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**#8**

**Ask:**

**Is this an area where we can  
agree to disagree?**

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# Romans 14:5-6 (ESV)

- One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

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**#9**

**Permit or ask for a third  
party to help bring unity.**

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- And I intreat thee also,
- true yokefellow,
- help those women which laboured with me in the gospel,

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**No one has any idea who the  
'true yokefellow' was.**

**But they obviously  
knew who he was.**



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**#10**

**Strive to manifest the fruit of  
the Spirit with the other  
person.**

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# Fruit of the Spirit

#1 Self-control

#2 Patience

#3 Kindness

#4 Love (Respect)

#5 Gentleness

**Galatians  
5:22-23**

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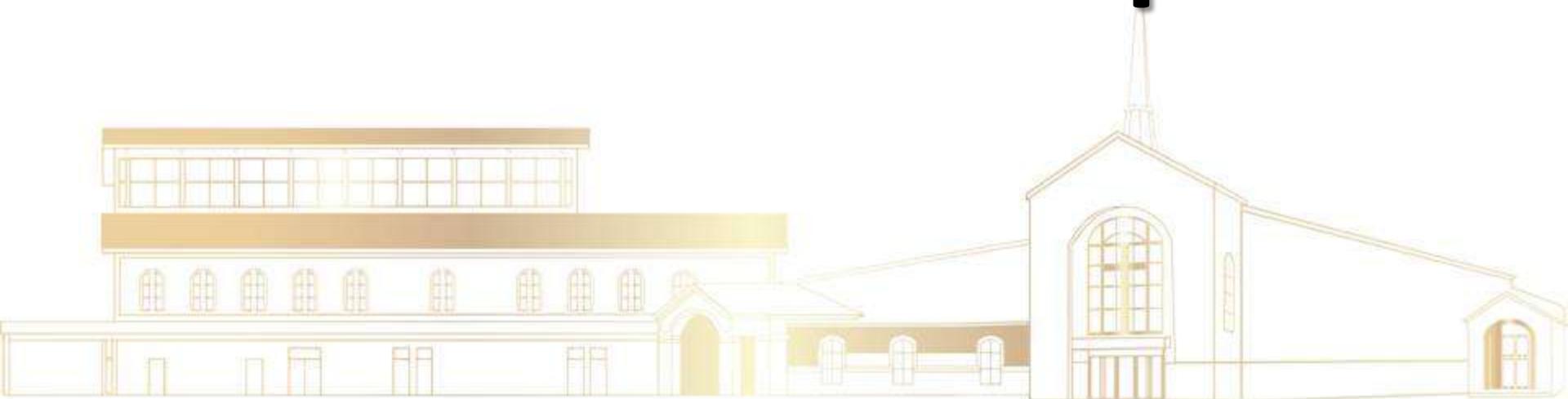


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- 8) Determine if you can just agree to disagree**
- 9) Allow a third party to help bring unity**
- 10) Strive to manifest the Fruit of the Spirit in the conflict**

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# **Notice Paul's Emphasis Upon Laboring in the Word of the Gospel.**





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**How do  
we labor  
in the  
Gospel?**

