

Unity Busters

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9 (New King James Version)

Can the church _____ to do things that _____ unity?

Do We Realize The Importance Of Unity In The Church?

- A. A homeowner must know the importance of preserving a _____ - _____ wall in his house.
- B. Is unity in the Lord's church an optional feature?
 1. Proverbs 6:16,19 - One of the things that is an _____ to the Lord is one who sows _____ among _____.
 2. Matthew 5:9 - _____ will be called _____ of God.
 3. Mark 3:24,25 - A house _____ against itself cannot _____. Can a _____?

"Unity Busters" Mentioned In God's Word

A. **Selfishness can destroy Christian unity:**

1. Mark 10:37,41 - The other _____ were _____ when they heard the brothers' request.
2. Romans 14:20,21 - We can _____ the work of God by insisting on our "_____".

B. **Gossip can destroy Christian unity:**

1. Proverbs 17:9 - By _____ a matter we _____ friends.
2. Proverbs 18:8 - People _____ the talebearer's _____.
3. 1 Corinthians 13:7 - Love will _____ (or _____) all things.
4. Blake: Gossip can be _____.

C. **Drawing our circles too small destroys Christian unity:**

1. 1 Peter 2:17 - We are to _____ the _____ - anyone who is a _____.
2. Luke 14:13,14 - We must include _____ in our circles of fellowship, even the _____, the _____, the _____, the _____.

D. **Not pursuing peace destroys Christian unity:**

1. Romans 14:19 - We are to _____ things which make for _____ and which _____ others. (The Greek word is also translated as _____.)
2. Genesis 4:9 - Are we our _____'s _____?

God's _____ tells us things that will _____ unity. Avoid them!

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