

Becoming One in 2021 Part 4 handout

Becoming Unity Minded

1. Unity is the networking of our spiritual minds **1 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV)**

- A. We have yet to experience the full benefits from becoming a network of spiritual minds.
- B. Can you imagine how work would be affected if everyone in an office had completely different programs or apps for word processing, contact information, project planning, marketing etc.?
- C. We'd never consider that in an office but that's the way many of us are living our spiritual lives. It's like we each play our own musical instruments at the same time and calling it a band.
- D. It's like It doesn't matter if all of our instruments are tuned in sync, or what chords or key we're playing in.
- E. Have you ever noticed that the references of believers having the mind of Christ is plural – we have the mind of Christ. Incredibly mature believers grow in groups. **Philippians 1:27 (KJV)**
- F. Can you imagine if the shared information between computers had to be inputted separately for each one, in an office with hundreds of employees? **2 Corinthians 13:11 (KJV)**
- G. The word "perfect" means mature. You can't grow up alone and be emotionally and mentally mature. Yet 80 percent of believers are doing just that!
- H. We might think we're really immature, until we meet others who are a lot more immature than we are.
- I. We might also meet others who are far more mature than we are. Either way, we can benefit by helping the immature and learning from the more mature.
- J. The Bible identifies 5 different levels of maturity:
 - I. New born babes who are immature and carnal, able to only have milk fed to them by others. They can get involved in strife, divisions, walk as worldly men, not developed a foundation in the faith. Not yet Spirit led. **1Co.3:1-3, He.5:12**
 - II. Little children who are Spirit led but easily deceived, and tossed about by deceiving man teachers. They serve but can't lead yet. **1Jo.2:1**
 - III. Children who are learning to be led by the Spirit, are developing discernment and a foundation in Gods Word. **1John 2:13, 3John 4**
 - IV. Young men are strong and able to take care of themselves, but not yet taking the responsibility to care for others. **1Jo.2:13**
 - V. Fathers can care of themselves and provide care to others. Their ministry focus is upon pleasing God and developing others. **Philippians 2:2-5 (KJV)**

2. Being unified in mind is a requirement for ministering together. **Philippians 4:1-3 (KJV)**

- A. Division is the greatest tactic the enemy uses to hinder ministry. Division is more than often the result of those who are immature and carnally minded.
- B. Paul was addressing several things in this chapter, first a division between two people. Euodias and Syntyche who were in conflict.

C. They were affecting the unity of the body and that was more important. We may think that when we have a problem or offense with another believer its just between us and them.

D. Unity is like the antivirus that makes sure we stay clean so that others stay clean.

E. Just think what would happen if everyone in the church was as careful not to pass an offense virus on to others as they are not to pass the corona virus.

F. Paul had to correct some of the men who had a hard time supporting women in ministry.

G. If the enemy can hinder women in ministry, then he can hinder more than half of the church in ministry.

H. Some folks are trying to show that it's unbiblical for women to do ministry, the problem is, God keeps using women in ministry. **1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (KJV)**

I. God can use anybody who has a built-in light of the Holy Spirit to guide them as His tool. Folks have to quit reading their Bible with the lights out.

3. Being of One mind is when the natural mind (head) becomes one with the Spiritual mind (heart).

A. A lot of disagreements in Scripture result from folks thinking they can understand the Bible with out the guidance and illumination of the Holy Spirit.

B. Don't become satisfied with just knowledge of God, when you can know God. Eternal life is to know God, not to know about God. John 17:3

C. The Jews thought they had eternal life because they knew the Word and it said they were the descendants of Abraham. They didn't know God even when He showed up in person.

D. This is the outstanding difference between the old and new covenants. They had the law, we have the law giver! They could illuminate their minds with the Law/Word. **Hebrews 8:8-13 (KJV)**

E. We have the Holy Spirit who transforms our hearts, minds and lawless deeds.

F. We can know Him by His Spirit, not just knowledge of Him taught by man. The indwelling of God by the Holy Spirit is a real deal changer.

G. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is what the apostle John taught everyone to depend upon, even the baby Christians.

H. The Holy Spirit influences and illuminates our mind when we pray in the Spirit. **Romans 8:26-27 (KJV)**

I. He illuminates but we choose what to do. We choose from what's on our minds which charts the course of our actions. **Romans 8:5-8 (KJV)**

J. As long as we take strictly an intellectual approach to knowing God we will know about Him but not know Him intimately.

K. A renewed mind transforms us and proves out God's will in our life. **Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)**

L. A renewed mind makes us kind and affectionate with brotherly love and honor for each other,

M. A renewed mind isn't a respecter of persons and doesn't follow preachers, but the anointing that ministers through preachers. **1 Corinthians 1:10-13 (KJV)**

N. God reveals the hidden things He has for us by the Holy Spirit within us, and among us. **1 Corinthians 2:9-12 (KJV)**

O. The natural mind can only grasp what human reasoning can understand. Spiritual things cannot be received by the natural mind, they appear as foolishness to him.

P. The Spiritual mind is taught by the Holy Spirit comparing spiritual things with spiritual things, able to judge by the Spirit, but doesn't become judge-mental of man. **1 Corinthians 2:13-16 (KJV)**

Q. Spiritually immature people are those who are critical and judgmental of things they don't understand and people they don't understand.