



THE MEASURE OF THE CHURCH

Ephesians 4:13

1. _____ the Journey Together

If the church is to reach the measure for which God has purposed, it will do so together. The Christian walk is filled with pitfalls and perils, so we must pursue this journey together.

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:26

2. _____ the Right Agenda

If the church is to measure up, it will do so when there is unity in what we believe and Whom we believe. If the church's agenda does not have, at its core, faith in and knowledge of Christ, it is wrong.

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ~ Philippians 4:2

3. _____ the Christian Life

True Christian maturity is seen in Christ-likeness. He is the Head of the church, He is her righteousness, He alone stands fixed as the image of perfection. No other standard exists for the church.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ~ Romans 8:29

COLOSSIANS 1:28

HIM WE PROCLAIM, WARNING EVERYONE AND TEACHING EVERYONE WITH ALL WISDOM, THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERYONE MATURE IN CHRIST.



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Additional Scripture References
(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

2 Corinthians 2:6-8

For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.

John 17:23

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.

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

1 Timothy 6:3-4a

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.

Philippians 1:27

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 Peter 1:14-15

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.