

THE POWER OF A UNIFIED CHURCH!

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**The church is not just a place that we go to,
but a spiritual family that we belong to.**

Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name, now protect them by the power of your name **so that they will be united just as we are.**

John 17:11 (NLT)

Our unity affects Jesus' credibility.

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Psalm 133:3b (NIV)

IMPEDIMENTS TO CHURCH/CHRISTIAN UNITY:

1. **Personal Preference.**

Do nothing from **selfishness** or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own **personal interests**, but also for the **interests of others.**

Philippians 2:3-4 (NASB)

2. Gossip and Slander.

One who goes about as a [slanderer](#) reveals secrets, therefore do not associate with a [gossip](#). **Proverbs 20:19 (NASB)**

The words of a gossip are like [tasty bits of food](#). People like to gobble them up. **Proverbs 18:8 (NCV)**

Great minds discuss [ideas](#).
Average minds discuss [events](#).
Small minds discuss [people](#).

3. Sowing Discord.

There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: a false witness who breathes out lies, and [one who sows discord among brothers](#). **Proverbs 6:16 & 19 (ESV)**

4. Lack of Generosity.

For where your [treasure](#) is, there your [heart](#) will be also. **Matthew 6:21 (NIV)**

