

Prerequisites for a Prevailing Church



Week 4 Prevailing Unity

John 17:20-23,

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. 22 I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one: 23 I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

The Characteristics of Unity

Psalm 133

1 A song of ascents. Of David. How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

1. **Unity in a church/denomination is _____, pleasant, and precious (vs. 1, 2).**
2. **Unity in a church/denomination is something that starts from the _____ and trickles down (vs. 2)**
3. **Unity in a church/denomination is something that should be publicly _____ and sensed by others (vs. 2).**
4. **Unity in a church/denomination is prevents _____ (vs. 2).**

The Causes of Disunity

1. **Disunity occurs in a church/denomination when they _____ from Biblical truth.**

Romans 16:17

I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

1 Timothy 6:3-5

3 Teach and exhort these things 4 Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding... This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. 5 These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth.

2. **Disunity occurs in a church/denomination when people's preferences and personal desires take precedence over what _____ says.**

2 Timothy 4:2-4

2 Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. 3 For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will reject the truth.

3. **Disunity occurs in a church/denomination when they are deceived by _____ rather than listening to the Holy Spirit.**

2 Corinthians 11:13, 14

13 These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.