

# **Joined In Mind & Judgment**

*"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

*1 Corinthians 1:10*

# How?

- **Seek and Pursue Peace**
- **Be Submissive and Humble**
- **Do To Others As You Would Want Done To You**
- **Communicate Effectively**
  - **If lions and lambs are to lie down together, lions must learn to be gentle and do no harm, but lambs must overcome fear and be very courageous.**

# Seek and Pursue Peace

- **Peter Gives Us Some Guidance For Peace**

- **1 Peter 3:8-12 :** Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous; <sup>9</sup> not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.<sup>10</sup>For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.<sup>11</sup>Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.<sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord *are* on the righteous, And His ears *are open* to their prayers; But the face of the Lord *is* against those who do evil.”
- **Like-minded**
- **Compassionate**
- **Loving**
- **Tender**
- **Courteous**
- **Not vengeful**
- **Speak good things**
- **Pray for peace**

# **Be Submissive and Humble**

- Submit To One Another**
  - **Ephesians 5:15-21**
- Submit To The Workers**
  - **1Corinthians 16:15-16**
- Women Submit To Men**
  - **1Timothy 2:11-12**
- Younger Submit To Older**
  - **1Peter 5:5-6**
- Be Clothed With Humility**
  - **Romans 12:16**
- Esteem Others Better Than Ourselves**
  - **Philippians 2:1-4**

# Do Unto Others

- **Being joined in mind and judgment is easy when we agree but the real test is when we disagree.**
  - **Be Patient With Others, Give Them Time To Study**
    - Rom 14:1, 2 Tim 2:24-26
  - **Give Others The Benefit of Loving The Lord Too.**
    - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
  - **Remember You Might Be Wrong**
    - Proverbs 12:15; Galatians 2:2
  - **Be Open Minded**
    - 1 Thess 5:21-22
  - **Talk To The Right Person**
    - Matthew 18:15-18

# Do Unto Others

- **Understand The Other Side**
  - **Proverbs 18:13,17**
- **Avoid Labeling or Pigeon Holing**
  - **Luke 7:33-34; Matthew 22:15-40**
- **Don't Impugn Motives**
  - **Luke 9:49-50; 1 Corinthians 2:11**
- **Guard Your Tongue**
  - **James 1:26, 3:2-18; Proverbs 26:20**
- **Do Unto Others**
  - **Luke 6:31**

# **Effective Communication**

- **Understand The Issue At Hand (The Problem)**
- **Seek The Mind of Christ (The Truth)**
- **Find A Mutually Agreed Solution (The Judgment)**
- **Examples:**
  - **Acts 6:1-7**
  - **Acts 15:1-29, and 36-41**
  - **Two churches deal with the death of an Elder's wife**