

Even the Demons are in Unity

Jesus healed a demon-possessed man in Matthew 12. After He did, He was accused of doing it in the name of Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons. He goes on to say that there is no way that the demons would work against each other because they will fail. A house divided against itself cannot stand (Mt. 12:12-13).

Jesus shows the importance of unity. The kingdom of Satan is unified in its purpose. There is one goal in mind. It wants to oppose the almighty God. If that is to be achieved, even slightly, unity in mind and purpose must exist.

The tower of Babel was being built in unity. God broke up their unity and the project was scrapped. Several times during the settlement of the promised land God sent the enemies in to confusion and they were killed and scattered before the people of God. Usually in these cases the men of God did little fighting because the enemy killed themselves.

The media is really good about causing division. When a news story breaks, each news network reports the story differently. They give a different slant on why things are happening. This is to appease their constituents who are watching and make the other political side the villain. What results is phrases like "What the leftists want to do is..." or "What the conservative nuts want to do is..." Both of these phrases and those like it are used to divide. They are to cause us to think that those who we disagree with are not smart, rational human beings. It is meant to divide a house against itself.

How often are parents not on the same page? When your child asks you for something, does he or she go and ask the other parent? Often, yes. This is because the child is testing the unity of the parents. If it is known mom always says yes or dad always says no, they will go there especially if the first parent didn't give the desired answer. Parents need to be unified. Ask the child what answer the other parent gave before you answer; then often answer the same.

The church must also be unified. Too often we have small and unhealthy churches because of church splits that happened years prior. It is hard to grow in numbers and in faith if there is discord. Jesus prayed in the garden for the believers to be unified. On one hand, if the church is divided, it will not stand. On the other hand, if the church is unified, the gates of Hades shall not prevail over it; even though Hades is unified against it.

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