

Keeping The Joy In Unity

Staying in unity.

Psalms 133:1 KJV

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Unity: Hebrew – *properly a unit, (adverbially) unitedly;- alike. to gather; proper assemblage*

Ephesians 4:3 KJV

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Unity: Greek – *oneness*

Ephesians 4:3 AMP

Be eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness of [and produced by] the Spirit in the binding power of peace.

Keeping strife out.

Genesis 13:8 KJV

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

Wrestling not against flesh and blood

Ephesians 6:12 KJV

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

John 10:10 KJV

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

How does the devil get in to try to destroy the unity?

By deception. The devil will bring in a lie, by a thought or by false communication.

The devil will look for any entrance to bring strife in to destroy the unity.

John 15:1-11 KJV

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Purgeth: *to cleanse, to prune.*

Webster dictionary: To prune: to cut off or gut back parts of for better shape or more fruitful growth.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Abide: *to stay* (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy): - abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

To bear: *to "bear" or carry, bring (forth).*

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. **Note: (Full: to furnish, satisfy, fulfill)**

As we abide with Him, stay with Him, continue to dwell with Him, His joy will remain, stay, abide, continue to dwell in us.

Joy: *cheerfulness, that is, calm delight, gladness, greatly, (be exceeding) joy (-ful)*

Galatians 5:22-23 KJV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

John 17:13 KJV

And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Jesus said: that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

That the joy will be always with us and we access it at any time.

Any situation, we can access the joy He has given to us.