

The Effective Working of A Team

“²⁴There are four things which are little on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise: ...²⁷The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;”

Proverbs 30:24,27

We're Not Locusts

- **We Must Make Every Effort To Maintain Unity**
 - **Ephesians 4:1-4** " *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*"
- **To Come To The Unity of The Faith**
 - **Ephesians 4:11-13** " *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*"

We are Lions and Lambs

- **Isaiah 11:6-9** " *“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. ”*
- **Hebrews 12:22** " *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ”*

But Lamb is So Tasty

- Galatians 5:15 *"But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!"*
- 1 Corinthians 3:3 *"for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"*
- 2 Corinthians 12:20 *"For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;"*

Joined In The Same Mind

- **Romans 12:16** "Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."
- **Philippians 2:2** "fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."
- **1 Corinthians 1:10** "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."

The Mind of Christ

- **1 Corinthians 2:9-16** " *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."*

That We May Grow Into Christ

- **Ephesians 4:14-15** *"that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—"*
- **Ephesians 4:20-24** *"But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."*

Joined In The Same Judgment

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- **Whose Judgment?**
 - Mine? Yours? No, it should be Ours.

When Should Our Judgment Be United?

- **Individual Actions? No.**
 - Acts 15:36-41
 - Romans 14:1-6
- **Collective Actions? Yes!**
 - 1 Corinthians 11:23-33
 - 1 Corinthians 14:26
 - Acts 15:1-29