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Family Unity in Christ

Introduction:

What is the definition of a family? How does the Bible take on family unity? In my opinion, family is one of the most fundamental components of a community. Some people have a family without understanding what it entails. Some desire to be competitive to avoid being excluded from society. And some even are still perplexed

and do not know what to do but rely on trial and error. Psalm 133:1 states, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" How does this relay to my family unity? Observing all these factors, one of the most common problems today in a family is "unity". As a result, family unity is a vital factor in each relationship that determines whether it will stay together. There is an old expression,



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“close-knit relationship,” that describes how a relationship in a family should be, whether it is difficult, sad, or up and down. There is no tolerance for “bad blood” in my family relationship. Ultimately, I would prevent the following three issues from occurring in my family:

Problems in Family Relationships:

No forgiveness or reconciliation among family members

Forgiveness or reconciliation is like a glue that connects and keeps the family intact. It is critical to remember that we are all born as sinners; consequently, we are not flawless. Many of us cannot express “I am sorry for...” by nature. Such remarks can assist in healing wounds and even strengthen family bonds. Many texts in the Bible emphasize forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus taught us the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6:12, “*and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*” Apostle Paul went on to say that “*bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive*” (Colossians 3:13). In any instance, if the one’s reaction does not follow suit, this is still incomplete. When one party apologizes, the other must be courteous enough to forgive and forget. Families require one another. Keep no grudges; otherwise, we may become a burden to each other and eventually ruin the family relationship.

Deception and lies among family members

Deception and lies can also sever a family’s togetherness. Being truthful to one another can be difficult for many people because they do not want to hurt the other person further and cause more damage to their relationships. Unfortunately, even if such an endeavor begins mildly, it will soon escalate from one tiny lie to numerous lies to keep the truth from coming to light. For this reason, it is preferable to accept our mistakes and strive towards healing than to lie and carry them with us indefinitely. Always be open and honest with family members, that would be my emphasis. It is written in the Proverbs that “*Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity than one who is crooked in speech and is a fool*” (Proverbs 19:1). Attempting to conceal the truth simply adds to the pain. When the truth is kept hidden, it causes great pain.



Disrespect and criticism among family members

Communication is vital in maintaining my family’s unity. To develop familial relationships, family members must know how and what is communicated. Most people take it for granted because each member is a part of the family. Every family member must be a source of encouragement and support for each other. Negative words might harm the foundation of family connections, especially in the long run.

Furthermore, it creates a schism in the relationship. It takes time and pleasant encounters to undo the damage on disrespectful words and criticism have caused. Proverbs 15:1 states, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” Consequently, I would prioritize educating and enforcing some compliance norms. As the head of the household, I myself would set a good example.



Conclusion:

Building family unity may necessitate some family relationship correction. However, addressing the above three main difficulties - forgiving and reconciliation; deception and lies; disrespect, and criticisms, will help to put things in place before they produce stress or fragmentation in my family. Nevertheless, I am not concluding that these three concerns are the only grounds for a disaster to develop in my family unity; there may be others, but early discovery may allow me to overcome them sooner. Furthermore, I am not suggesting that there would be no conflict in a familial relationship because conflict is a fundamental element of human interactions. Strong families can work through things if they can identify the critical aspects and begin working on the factors to eliminate such unjustified occurrences. In this scenario, because I have identified the issues that may jeopardize the unity of my family, besides teaching and leading my family members, I also continually monitor from time to time to prevent such an occurrence from occurring or, at the least, eliminate it quickly. To overcome family feuds, every family member must play their roles correctly.



"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen." — 1 John 4:20



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PrayerSpotlight

Prayer for Alpha 24

1. Pray that guests will have a fresh revelation of the person of Jesus, and know of his love through the testimonies of the Alpha team
2. Pray for the Alpha team to be filled with wisdom and love, making everyone feel welcomed
3. Pray that guests will return and for new guests to join
4. Pray that guests will see their need for God and a greater purpose in life
5. Pray for small groups to bond, have fun, have meaningful conversations

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