

The Priority of Building Unity – Ten Steps

To be honest, everywhere I look in the church and in missions, I have seen the tendency towards disunity and broken relationships. For all of us involved in missions mobilisation we know the work gets hindered through disunity in so many ways. Here are ten steps for building unity.

1. Saturate with prayer and worship
2. Check your own prejudices and attitude. You are off on the wrong foot if you have a bad attitude towards someone on your team.
3. Go the extra mile to listen and understand others and what is on their hearts as well as what they may be struggling with at home or other situations.
4. In relating to those over you, beware of any jealousy or envy
5. Guard against gossip and be what you pass on that is negative about others.
6. Have the courage to, in love, confront people about something you have heard or seen that you believe is wrong. Use the question method rather than the accusation method.
7. Stay free from false views of leadership and spirituality. Be ready for the 'clay pot' factor in yourself and others.
8. Beware of your reactions especially when saying something you don't agree with or don't like. If only we could see more of the Fruit of the Spirit in all situations.
9. Affirm and build others up by sincere appreciation and thanks. Help others to understand your leader and others on the team. Try to bring balance to negative statements.
10. Beware especially of belittling anyone in public. Keep aiming to esteem others better than yourself. Phil. 12:2. Beware of all kinds of pride and arrogance – make humility and reality your aim.