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How To Speed Up Unity With the Church February 12 & 13, 2022

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John 13:34-35 (TPT)

"So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you're my true followers."

Satan's greatest weapons for destroying the church:

- **Unrebuked gossip** - Proverbs 26:20 (TPT)
- **Unrelenting criticism** - Matthew 7:1-3 (TPT)
- **Unforgiving hearts** - Proverbs 24:17-18 (TPT)

Mark 3:24-25 (TPT)

"No kingdom can endure if it is divided against itself, and a fragmented household will not be able to stand, for it is divided."

"We cannot be divided if we focus on being united."

We are speeding up unity when we:

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Live like a child of the King.

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How?

- **Stop imitating the self-centered goals of society.**

Romans 12:2 (TPT)

"Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes."

- **Run through or around life's temptations.**

2 Timothy 2:22 (TPT)

"Run as fast as you can from all the ambitions and lusts of youth; and chase after all that is pure. Whatever builds up your faith and deepens your love must become your holy pursuit. And live in peace with all those who worship our Lord Jesus with pure hearts."

- **Center my entire existence on God's purposes.**

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"And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

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Serve my church family with humble actions, not just words.

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James 3:13 (NLT)

"If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom."

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Refuse to gossip and slander about your fellow brothers and sisters.

Ephesians 4:3-4 (TPT)

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“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.”

4 Ways to destroy gossip and slander:

- Don’t be the source of gossip - T.H.I.N.K
- Gently confront a gossip.
- Resist being a critical Christian.
- Remember I’m not perfect either.

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Make every part of our ministry about God; the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:5-6 (TPT)

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