

“Glory in the Church Through Unity and Diversity” 2/02/2020

Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon Series: *Living out God’s Riches for God’s Glory*

LESSON 1- The Church brings glory to God through UNITY

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A. To achieve unity we must cultivate these Christian VIRTUES

- (1) Unity starts with a genuine commitment to **humility**.
- (2) Coupled with humility is that virtue of being **gentle**.
- (3) We must also be willing at all times to be **patient**.
- (4) Even when we might disagree we are required to be **tolerant**.
- (5) The foundation of all unity is our dedication to genuine **love**.

B. The unity that we should have is rooted in the one-ness of GOD

When conflicts arise that threaten unity. You have two choices:

- 1) Overlook the matter and forgive. *“One gains honor by overlooking the wrongs in others.”* Proverbs 19:11
- 2) Without gossiping to anyone, go directly to that person (Matt 18:15)

LESSON 2- The Church brings glory to God through DIVERSITY

Vv. 7-16

A. God’s glory is magnified by giving us diversity of GIFTS

- (1) Jesus has chosen to give a gift to **each of us**.
- (2) All the gifts that he gave were given to **equip the saints**.
- (3) The purpose is to edify the church to become **unified**.
- (4) As we do this we will not be **deceived by false teachings**.

B. The diversity of gifts demands for us to grow to MATURITY

- (1) We must always speak the **truth in love**.
- (2) Everyone of has our unique **part to play**.

Are you walking worthy of your calling? Are you part of the building up or the tearing down of the unity of God’s church?

Going Deeper *God wants us to examine our own hearts and love others with humility!*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples