

Outline:
The Reason for Unity (2:1-2a)
The Requirements of Unity (2:2b-3)
The Responsibilities for Unity (2:3-4)
The Redemptive Model of Unity (2:5-11)

Philippians 2:1-4

The Responsibility for Unity

#1 Avoid _____ (vs. 3a)

'Self Ambition' (ἐπιθεία eritheia) "*Self-seeking, scheming for personal interest*"
"To work for hire, used in a bad sense of those who seek only their own. Contention, strife, rivalry. It represents a motive of self-interest, mercenary interest (Phil. 1:16; 2:3). It also meant canvassing for public office, scheming." Zodhiates, S. *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*

Galatians 5:19-21; 22-24

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment." 1 Corinthians 1:10 ESV

"I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive." Romans 16:17-18 ESV

"As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned." Titus 3:10-11 ESV

#2 Avoid _____ (vs. 3b)

'Conceit' (κενοδοξία kenodoxia) "*Self-conceited, empty pride, desire for praise*"

#3 Practice _____ (vs. 3c)

Affections (σπλάγχνον spláchnon) "Bowels, inner organs, heart"
Sympathy (οἰκτιρμός oiktirmós) "Kindness, mercy"

Humility (ταπεινοφροσύνη tapeinophrosúnē) "An attitude or mindset of humility. Lowly, the esteeming of ourselves as small"

Count (ἡγέομαι hēgéomai) “Consider, think, believe”

More significant (ὑπερέχω hyperéchō) “Over, above, beyond, prominent”

#4 Practice _____ (vs. 4)

Look (σκοπέω skoréō) “Aim, mark, goal”

Steps to Humility

Step One _____

Step Two _____

1 Peter 5:5-6 ESV

What are the implications of these passages to my life?

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