

THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT
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Psalm 133:1-3-AMP

1 BEHOLD, HOW good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious ointment poured on the head, that ran down on the beard, even the beard of Aaron [*the first high priest*], that came down upon the collar *and* skirts of his garments [*consecrating the whole body*]. [Exo 30:25, Exo 30:30]
3 It is like the dew of [*lofty*] Mount Hermon and the dew that comes on the hills of Zion; for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forevermore [*upon the high and the lowly*].

Passion – 1 How truly wonderful and delightful to see brothers and sisters living together in sweet unity! 2 It's as precious as the sacred scented oil flowing from the head of the high priest Aaron, dripping down upon his beard and running all the way down to the hem of his priestly robes. 3 This heavenly harmony can be compared to the dew dripping down from the skies upon Mount Hermon, refreshing the mountain slopes of Israel. For from this realm of sweet harmony God will release his eternal blessing, the promise of life forever!

Ephesians 4:2,3-Passion

2 With tender humility and quiet patience, always demonstrate gentleness and generous love toward one another, especially toward those who may try your patience.
3 Be faithful to guard the sweet harmony of the Holy Spirit among you in the bonds of peace...

Ephesians 4:30-Passion

The Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience your full salvation. So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted his holy influence in your life.

Acts 4:32, 33-Passion

32 All the believers were one in mind and heart. Selfishness was not a part of their community, for they shared everything they had with one another.
33 The apostles gave powerful testimonies about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great measures of grace rested upon them all.

A Willingness to Lose Face.

Losing face means doing what's right without being openly seen to have been right and getting our own way.

Philippians 2:3-Passion

3 Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves.

Losing face means to reach a halfway position that has aspects of each person's plan blended together.

Philippians 2:4-Passion

Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern for what matters to others instead of your own interests.

A Willingness to Forgive.

Ephesians 4:32-Passion

But instead, be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love.

Colossians 3:12-15-Passion

12 Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all. Be gentle and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others.
13 Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ. If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them.
14 For love is supreme and must flow through each of these virtues. Love becomes the mark of true maturity.
15 Let your heart be always guided by the peace of the Anointed One, who called you to peace as part of his one body. And always be thankful.

Total forgiveness is when you let go and move on.

A Willingness to Prefer in Honor One Another.

Romans 12:10-Passion

Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers *as members of one family*. Try to outdo yourselves in respect and honor of one another.

A Willingness to Make the Anointing Primary.

1Corinthians 12:12-AMP

For just as the body is a unity and yet has many parts, and all the parts, though many, form [*only*] one body, so it is with Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).