

# Unity, Conflict and Polarity

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## Governing Principles:

- Wholeness.
- Fullness.
- Oneness.
- Witness

Contrast conditions of conflict and polarized thinking with what the scriptures say.

- Colossians 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:16. The pursuit of wholeness. Repenting to Godliness.
- Ephesians 1:9-23. All things come together to represent the fullness of Christ.
- John 17:21. The church community and oneness.
- John 13:34-35. The church community and witness.

Why is unity, cooperation and the absence of conflict important?

- Genesis 11:4-8. What stands out to you as you consider the story of Babel?
  - Are the people acting in obedience?
  - Are the people acting in unity?
  - Why does God intervene?
  - How does He intervene?
- Compare Genesis 11 with John 11:47-53.
  - Do you see a common thread?
  - What can you infer about unity and oneness?

Can you understand why Paul and James call for unity?

- Ephesians 4:1-6.
- James 3:13-18.

Recognize what is unimportant and ignore it; what is important and emphasize it.

- Evaluate points of conflict against the standard of the Kingdom. Will they be important in the presence of the King?
- Evaluate polarizing issues to discern the spiritual root of the conflict. Why are the spirits of wickedness in heavenly places (Ephesians 6) using specific polarizing issues? Begin unified prayer into the root of conflict.