

Philippians



THE PRIORITY OF UNITY

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Philippians 4:2-3

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*“I entreat Euodia [U – Ohdia]
and I entreat Syntyche [Sin-ti-
key] to agree in the Lord. Yes,
I ask you also, true
companion, help these
women, who have labored*

~ Philippians 4:2-3

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*side by side with me in the
gospel together with Clement
and the rest of my fellow
workers, whose names are in
the book of life.”*

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- **We too have the awesome privilege of serving the purposes of God in our generation!**

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- **Would you live differently if you truly believed that your life, your steps were ordained of and ordered of the Lord?**

Webstersdictionary1828.com

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Can a genuine, authentic church have people in it that are disagreeing and it still be considered a church?

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- **Entertain one and the same opinion.**

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“Agree in the Lord.”

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**Paul knew that left
unchecked, disunity
spreads like cancer!**

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*“The eye cannot say to the hand,
“I have no need of you,” nor
again the head to the feet, “I
have no need of you.” On the
contrary, the parts of the body
that seem to be weaker are
indispensable,*

~ 1 Corinthians 12:22-25

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*and on those parts of the body
that we think less honorable we
bestow the greater honor, and
our unpresentable parts are
treated with greater modesty,
which our more presentable
parts do not require.*

~ 1 Corinthians 12:22-25

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But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.”

~ 1 Corinthians 12:22-25

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**“companion” = [GK] true
yokefellow**

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“The author of the letter, Paul the Apostle, whose writings generally reveal his misgivings that **internal disunity will seriously undermine the church,** beseeched the two women to “agree in the Lord”.

~ Wikipedia

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**Disagreements “in the
Lord” lead to the
breakdown of
relationship – pure and
simple**

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“The rest of the story?”

Reading the few words in Philippians about Euodia and Syntyche leaves us hungry for more detail. Did they resolve their disagreement? To do so

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they would have needed to see
unity as more important than
what separated them. They
would have had to swallow
human pride and take positive
steps to reconcile. How? By

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following Christ's example of humility and selflessness. By allowing Christ to live that same selfless life in them through the indwelling Spirit. We have some indirect historical evidence that,

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perhaps, they did reconcile. Early in the second century, the church in Philippi wrote to the church leader Polycarp. They asked about another minister who was arrested and taken to Rome. We

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don't have their letter, but
Polycarp's reply was preserved.

Polycarp commends the
congregation in Philippi, writing
that they "have followed the
example of true love and have

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helped on their way, as
opportunity offered, those who
were bound in chains.” Then he
adds, “I rejoice also that your
firmly rooted faith, renowned
since early days,

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endures to the present and produces fruit for our Lord Jesus Christ.” These words could only be spoken about a congregation that had developed and maintained godly unity.

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Can we conclude that Euodia and Syntyche resolved their differences? The answer is lost in history, but perhaps Polycarp's letter gives us some indirect reassurance that they did."

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“They were doubtless professing Christians, and the apostle exhorts them to make the Lord the great object of their affections, and in their regard for him, to bury all their petty differences and animosities.”

~ Barnes Notes on the Bible

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“We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written,

~ Romans 15:1-7

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“The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have

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hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Romans 15:1-7

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*Therefore welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.”*

~ Romans 15:1-7

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