

ONE: FREEDOM

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Psalm 133:1-3 NIV

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. FOR THERE THE LORD BESTOWS HIS BLESSING, EVEN LIFE FOREVERMORE.

John 17:11 NCV

"I am coming to you; I will not stay in the world any longer. But they are still in the world. Holy Father, keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they will be ONE, just as you and I are ONE."

Luke 11:17 NCV

But knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom that is divided against itself will be destroyed. And a family that is divided against itself will not continue."

PREJUDICE: pre-conceived opinion or judgment that is formed against another person that is unfavorable, unreasonable and unjustified; genuine disregard for another person's rights

Six Primary Areas Of Prejudice:

1. Family Prejudice
2. Friends Prejudice
3. Experience Prejudice
4. Economic Prejudice
5. Media Prejudice
6. Church Prejudice

Principles of Freedom:

1. Go back to the cross.

Ephesians 2:14-16 NIV

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

2. See people through the lens of grace instead of race.

Galatians 3:26-29 NKJ

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 5:14 NLT

For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

3. Practice the heart of serving one another.

John 13:14-17 NLT

"And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."