



“Bearing with One Another”

One Another Christianity

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am
Scripture Reading: Eph 4:2

Date: March 12, 2023
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INTRODUCTION:

- A. We are told to “bear with one another in love” (Eph 4:2).
- B. This is not the same as “bear one another’s burdens” (Gal 6:2).
- C. There are three attributes necessary to do this and to achieve unity.

I. The First Necessary Attribute to achieve this is HUMILITY.

- A. “Be completely **h**_____ (Eph 4:2).
- B. The root word *humility* is humus which simply means dirt.
- C. One of the things that should keep us humble is the fact we came from dirt and we will be going back to dirt one day.
- D. Recognizing our total dependence upon God breeds a healthy *humility*.

II. The Second Necessary Attribute is PATIENCE (Col 3:12-13).

- A. Patience is not the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good **a**_____ while waiting.
- B. Paul said that he demonstrated His *perfect patience* as an example (I Tim 1:15ff).
- C. A heart of compassion, kindness, and forgiveness are companions.
- D. The biggest challenges are in our physical and spiritual families.

III. The Third Necessary Attribute is to develop a FORGIVING SPIRIT.

- A. Forgiveness is central to the heart of God and it must be central to our heart, also.
- B. The parable of the unforgiving **s**_____ shows us how much God hates an unforgiving spirit (Matt 18:31-35).
- C. This spirit is the best way to overcome bitterness and poisoning one’s soul.

IV. Practical Applications:

- A. Look in the **m**_____. What do you do that irritates others?
- B. Evaluate:
 - 1. Do you expect more from others than yourself?
 - 2. Do you criticize others in areas of your own weakness?
- C. Make a list of those with whom you have difficulty relating.
 - 1. If no one, praise God!
 - 2. If yes, ask why and ask God to help you with your empathy.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Are you willing to forbear with one another in love?
- B. No one is perfect, so be thankful when others forbear with you!
- C. This spirit is one of the keys to unity and shows how different we are from the _____ world around us. The world bullies people, the church is to embrace

Notes

SCRAMBLED ANSWERS

attitude

servant

mirror

humble

them.