



## Searching for a Winner: Review: Axioms of Warfare: Economy of Force; Doctrine of Unity in the Royal Family

### The Doctrine of Unity in the Royal Family

- 1) Unity may be defined as being combined with other believers to form a harmonious whole by which a maximum number of believers become invisible heroes.
- 2) Complete accord among believers does not imply agreement with each other on personal preferences, but rather an harmonious consensus with regard to divine viewpoint.
- 3) Such unity and harmony implies that each person possesses mental attitudes based on divine viewpoint, motivations stimulated by reciprocity, decisions based on righteous standards, and actions that exemplify these assets.
- 4) When there is unity within a local church then there is a minimum amount of judging, slandering, and gossiping. These sins are the products of class envy, elitism, self-righteousness, and self-promotion at the expense of others.
- 5) Unity results in the avoidance of jealousy which is the first cousin of envy. Jealousy is the sin that resents the fact that others possess what you want and your frustration that you don't have it. Envy detests the person who possesses something you know you can never have and develops the attitude, "If I can't have it then I will make every effort to see that you can't have it either." Envy is responsible for most of the confiscatory legislation passed in this country.
- 6) Unity results in the elimination of anger which left unmanaged breeds bitterness, the smoldering embers of anger that can develop into hatred, implacability, vindictiveness, revenge motivation, revenge tactics, and ultimately violence.
- 7) There is no such thing as "righteous indignation." Anger is a sin and must be confessed otherwise it will smolder into bitterness and left unrestrained will lead to violence.
- 8) Unity also avoids expressions of hypersensitivity, self-pity, guilt, and victim mentality. A local church includes people as does every human organization. Doctrine should enable believers to become flexible and accommodating, not rigid and self-centered.
- 9) Reactions caused by hypersensitivity, rigidity, and self-centeredness cause disunity and indicate either ignorance of doctrine or arrogance.
- 10) To overreact to another's failures, sins, or shortcomings betrays an emphasis on people rather than on God and His Word.
- 11) Thus, the key to achieving unity in a local church is the systematic and simultaneous advance by the entire congregation in the double column motivated by reciprocity.
- 12) This requires the spiritual leadership of a man with the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher who is not shy about going into exegetical and analytical detail or bashful about repetition.
- 13) Paul exhorted the believers in the church at Corinth to abandon the distractions of the day and instead seek to develop *exoterike harmonia*. A description of the situation in Corinth is provided by:



Radmacher, Earl D., Ronald B. Allen, and H. Wayne House (eds.). *The Nelson Study Bible*. (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1997), 1911:

On his third journey, Paul received two letters from the Corinthian believers. One was a disturbing report from the household of Chloe [Χλόη, kla'aye]. The report detailed the divisions and immorality in the church. These problems arose because the young Corinthian church had failed to protect itself from the decadent culture of the city. The immaturity of the Corinthians had given way to sectarian divisions. The believers were identifying themselves as followers of specific Christian leaders rather than as followers of Christ. They were also dragging each other into court. Their desire to sue each other rather than settle their disputes within the church betrayed their immaturity and misplaced trust in human wisdom. Sexual immorality had become a problem in the church.