



“A Kingdom Divided: You Are the U R in Church!”

*“If a house is divided against
itself, that house cannot stand.”*
Mark 3:25

A. A kingdom divided...

“Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: ‘Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall.’” Luke 11:17

1. A kingdom divided can never be effective in reaching people for Christ.
2. A kingdom divided can never grow, spiritually or numerically.
3. A kingdom divided can never be pleasing to God.

B. A kingdom divided...

“Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?” 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

1. A kingdom divided happens because of power and control.
2. A kingdom divided happens because of jealousy and comparison.
3. A kingdom divided happens because of quarreling and unhealthy conversations.
4. A kingdom divided happens because of sensitivity to one’s self and seeking credit.
5. A kingdom divided happens because of spiritual immaturity.

C. A united kingdom...

“I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.” John 17:23

1. A kingdom united is a testimony to the world.
2. A kingdom united is a testimony to the world of God’s power.
3. A kingdom united is a testimony to the world of God’s love.

D. Who is the U R in church?

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:4-5

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Ephesians 4:15-16

1. Each of us is responsible to find our place of service and do our part in using our gifts.
2. Each of us is called to minister to the body and serve one another.
3. How many times have you heard the statement...“The church never: called me on the phone ...never paid me a visit...fixed me a meal...helped us when we were down...reached out to us...called when we were absent...cared when we needed it” ...well, guess what??...U R the CHURCH!!

E. To be the church to one another, we need to follow the “one anothers” in Scripture...

1. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.
2. Live in harmony with one another.
3. Stop passing judgment on one another.

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” Romans 12:10

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.” Romans 12:16

“Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.” Romans 14:13

4. Accept one another.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:7

5. Agree with one another.

“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.” 1 Corinthians 1:10

6. Serve one another.

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13

7. Be kind and compassionate to one another.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

8. Submit to one another.

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21

9. Forgive one another.

“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13

10. Encourage one another.

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

11. Do not slander one another.

“Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.” James 4:11

12. Love one another deeply.

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.” 1 Peter 1:22

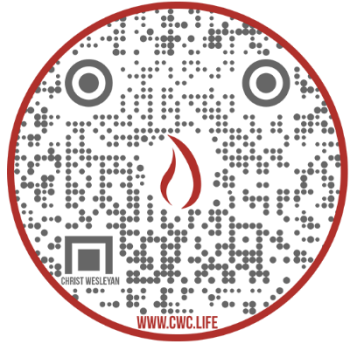
13. Offer hospitality to one another.

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” 1 Peter 4:9

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