

Personalities vs the Person

I. The Request (10)

Are there unifying, or divisive, actions apparent in my life?

II. The Report (11-12)

Have I contributed to any fraction of Christ's church?

III. The Right Way (13-17)

Am I careful to make sure all glory goes to Christ?

The person and work of Christ are what unify us!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of an example of someone exalting a person, or particular Bible doctrine, that caused disunity? What happened, no names please?

2. How does Paul urge unity positively and negatively in 1 Corinthians 1:10?

What are some of the issues that cause division in churches? Have you experienced any of these?

What does Paul urge his readers to do? How is this done in a church?

Has the Lord pointed out to you any unifying or divisive things to the church that you have done?

3. In 1 Corinthians 1:11-12 Paul tells his readers he has been informed about what the division in the church looks like. How would you describe it?

Think about what the people are saying, and what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:3 (See also Galatians 5:19-20). What is the root cause?

Have you participated in, or contributed to, what became (or might have) a fraction in a church? Explain, and thank God for His mercy and forgiveness.

4. How does Paul point his readers away from himself and toward Christ in 1 Corinthians 1:13-17?

Can you think of an example of when you successfully pointed someone to Christ? Can you think of an example of when you failed to do it?

5. What is one circumstance this week in which you can point another to Christ and His work to help unify His church?