## **A Call to Unity**

## The secret to multiplication:

John 15:5 (NKJV)

"I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who <u>abides</u>/ə'baɪd/ in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Mark 3:23-26

<sup>23</sup> So He called them to *Himself* and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is <u>divided</u> against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is <u>divided</u> against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen (riz-uhn) up against himself, and is <u>divided</u>, he cannot stand, but has an end.

- If there is division, we can't abide in Him
- We don't bear much fruit because we lack unity
- Remaining in unity is what helps us multiply
- If we don't return to the spiritual dimension: You don't know yourself (who you are), you don't know God and you don't know the bible. The three things are spirit.
- It is very difficult to impart the vision to carnal people because the vision is spiritual.
- The problem of the church is unity. Is the problem in the family, in the government, in races, in the companies and in the business

## What is the mystery of unity?

- Example: When is my group I want it to be united but when is not, I don't promote unity
- All of Jesus' teachings were based on being one with the Father.

#### John 17:21

That they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

- When we're one in The Lord we will be one among ourselves and then people will believe
- Jesus communicated with the Father. We must communicate with each other.
- The devil's main weapon is division
- The devil wants to divide us
- By Jesus being one with The Father HE was being empowered by The Father
- There is empowerment IN UNITY
- Empowerment means developing a person's self-confidence and self-assurance, their abilities, their potential and

to give power or authority to; authorize, especially by legal or official means

- When a relationship is united by God it will always empower you
- If you know that this relationship has empowered you, why give place to the enemy
- The revelation of unity is that when God joins you to someone, there will always be empowerment. In all areas: emotional, physical, financial
- If any relationship doesn't empower you, it's not of God. You must know if that relationship empowers you or subtracts you.
- Through our communion with God He shares His likeness with us
- When you are divided you are not complete

Repeat: "I'm going to contest for unity"

## What is the definition of unity?

- Unity is the state of being one. A condition of harmony. To agree. To be one in mind and in spirit. Being united together
- We can be together but not united

Illustration: "A chain. All the links are joined"

• "I am united with my Pastor"

- To be united in the same mind and in the same spirit is to speak the same
- How do you know you are united to me? If you speak the same as I speak

## The keyword is "Agreeing"

What is the opposite of unity? Division composed of two words di = diverse and visions. It means diverse divisions, two visions, two opinions, two callings, two purposes, two heads, two kingdoms

- Division is the evidence of spiritual immaturity. The main cause of the division is immaturity.
- All immaturity plants division
- All immaturity and all carnal way is based on "self"
- I don't want to be in unity because I don't want to be hurt or rejected
- You don't want to be in unity with your brother because they interfere with your ego
- The ego is the cause of the division

## What do we do with those that cause division?

### 1 Corinthians 11:18-19

<sup>18</sup> For first, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. <sup>19</sup> For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

- They are brothers who are always in discord
- God allows this for hearts to be revealed
- These are people who have personal ambition
- Those that are genuine are manifested
- Those that are approved are manifested

#### Romans 16:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

- Point out those that cause division. Warn your disciples regarding those of long tongue, gossipers that bring division
- The one that causes division is the one that sows discord (disagreement) among the brothers
- The one that causes division seeks to place poison in the minds of the people

#### Proverbs 6:14-19

- <sup>14</sup> Perversity *is* in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.
- <sup>15</sup> Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.
- <sup>16</sup> These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him:
- <sup>17</sup> A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,
- <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,
- <sup>19</sup> A false witness *who* speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.
  - Do you know how much we would have already done if we were united?
  - Do you know how much we can do if we are untied?

## God's requirements in agreeing

- 1. We must all agree with the Word of God
- Many kill the influence-capability of others by the way they use their tongue
- The devil's assignment is to divide the house.
- The moment we decide to be in unity, explosion will come!
- We agree with the Word and not with the opinions
- We will never agree unless we agree with the Word
- If God says to prosper, why criticize prosperity
- The Word says: "That man is the head of the house"
- 2. Unity is the requirement for God to dwell among men

#### Psalm 133:1-3

Blessed Unity of the People of God

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in **unity!** 

<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

- The revivals that have arisen are because of unity
- The blessing comes when there is harmony

### Acts 2:1

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

- They can be together but not in one accord
- Where there is unity The Spirit comes
- What attracts the Spirit is the unity
- Strife grieves the Holy Spirit

### James 3:15-16

<sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

#### Genesis 11:6

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

- The sign that they are united is that they speak the same language
- They had a commitment although it was not from God
- They were going to build their own kingdom

## 3. The presence of God dwells in our unity

Matthew 18:18-20

<sup>18</sup> "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

- We must come in unity in the name of Jesus
- The Presence carries the name of Jesus
- In a divided church there is no presence
- Division and lack of unity is an insult to the cross of Christ
- If you promote unity you will achieve seven times more than what you have achieved
- 4. Unity is the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer
- That the name of Jesus be above my pain, my disagreement, my agenda.
- Until you die to "self" we will not be in unity
- Let's decide: Let's join and stop talking bad about others
- To be united we need a covenant of commitment
- Let's repent for the lack of commitment to unity
- We're going to take the communion
- The sign of the covenant is to be one
- If you don't commit, you will never be one
- United with God first and then with each other
- The problems begin when we abandon commitment
- Go and tell others we are one and I am here to support you

# How to Be a Disciple of Jesus

- Presentation of those who have completed any levels of the School of Success Level 1, 2, and 3
- Show recorded testimonies.

Etymologically, the word disciple comes from the Latin word "discipulus", which in turn comes from the verb "discere" or "disco" which means to learn. The

word disciple can be synonymous with the one who learns or the apprentice.

## Luke 8:9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" <sup>10</sup> And He said, "To you it has been given to know the amysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'

- The parable is a heavenly truth with an earthly meaning.
- Jesus hides the truth from those who didn't want to know the truth.
- The mysteries of the kingdom are hidden from those who are not committed.

## Matthew 7:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

• They do not appreciate what is valuable.

## The four terrains represent four types of hearts

## Luke 8:11-12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

- 1. Those along the path first type of heart
  - a. The seed produces fruit.
  - b. Foolish people are not receptive to the gospel.
- 2. Those on the rocky ground second type of heart

### **Luke 8:13 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

- Farmers don't care if the plant grows, what they care about is that it bears fruit.
- when a person's heart is not right they believe everything that is suggested from the devil and turn away.
- These are the people that do not like to go through a process.
- They don't have a process mentality
- What gives you victory is having roots
- Instead of running from God run to God
- 3. The ones that fell among thrones third type of heart

## **Luke 8:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

Three basic things to manage your finances

- Priorities
- Basic needs
- Desires / wants
- Stress is doing things with our own strength
- 4. The ones that fell on good ground fourth type of heart

### **Luke 8:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

• Those who bear fruit with perseverance are the disciples

## **Four Type of People in the Church:**

- 1. Multitudes
- 2. Believers
- 3. Disciples
- 4. Leaders
  - a. A disciple is someone who is trained and instructed
  - b. Disciple in Greek "mathitis" a student, a pupil or apprentice
  - c. A disciple is a committed follower, submissive to the teachings of the word of God
  - d. You can't be what you're not.

## Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

• Take time to make disciples

## Luke 14:23 (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.

## The purpose of the disciple

- 1. To be like Jesus
- 2. To develop spiritual maturity
- 3. Bear much fruit

Repeat: "I was called to bear much fruit"

• The spirit of jezebel makes eunuchs so that they do not bear fruit

## John 15:8 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## Matthew 7:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

## Serving a Purpose Through a Vision

- The vision has to do with people
  - 1. Love the people
    - a. Ambition is wanting something no matter how much it cost
  - 2. Building character
    - a. God uses pain and suffering to build character
    - b. God uses people to build character
    - c. God uses service to build character
    - d. Serving processes you
    - e. Obedience is an action
    - f. Submission is an attitude

## Luke 14:25-27 (NKJV)

## **Leaving all to follow Christ**

<sup>25</sup> Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

• Jesus is saying "I am First"

## Luke 14:33 (NLT)

<sup>33</sup> So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

- Give up those things that do not allow you to consecrate yourself
- Don't settle for being part of the crowd
- Show on screen: School of Success
  - o Level 1: Class Membership
  - o Level 2: Discipleship
  - o Level 3: Leadership
  - o Bible Institute

Conclusion: fill out form "I join the vision of this house"

## **Signs of His Coming**

#### **Matthew 24:33**

So you also, when you see all these things, know that [a]it is near—at the doors!

The main sign that we are in the end times is:

A. The rebirth of Israel on May 14, 1948.

When the Jews are in Israel, God's clock starts to move.

#### Psalm 102:13

You will arise *and* have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, yes, **the set time**, **has come**.

- Abraham was born 1948 years after he created Adam.
- God does things with precision.
- B. The increase of knowledge

#### Daniel 12:4

"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

- Artificial Intelligence
- C. Pestilences <u>pe-stə-lən(t)s</u>

#### Matthew 24:7

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, <u>pe-stə-lən(t)s</u> and earthquakes in various <u>ver-ē-</u> places.

- Covid
- D. Deception
  - Something you believe is not true

 the act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid: the act of <u>deceiving</u>. Webster Dictionary

## Matthew 24:3-5;23-26

<sup>3</sup> Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. <sup>23</sup> "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup> "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.

E. There will be betrayals, offence, <u>ə-'fen(t)s</u>, stumbling blocks

### **Matthew 24:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> "Then they will <u>deliver</u> you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be <u>hated</u> by all nations for My name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then many will be <u>offended</u>, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

- Do you know how to vote?
- You must vote according to your faith, values, and convictions.

## **How will it happen? Has a rapture ever happened?**

The seven raptures in the Bible:

1. The rapture of Enoch

#### Genesis 5:24

And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

#### Hebrews 11:5

By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Enoch did not die but is alive in heaven for more than 3000 years.

## 2. The Rapture of Elijah

## 2 Kings 2:11

Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot <u>'cher-</u> of fire *appeared* with horses of fire and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind <u>'(wər(-ə)|- wind</u> into heaven.

- In the great tribulation they will return to bear witness of the Messiah to the Jews: Enoch and Elijah
- 3. The Rapture of Isaiah

#### **Isaiah 6:1-3**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above it stood seraphim; <u>Ser-ə-, fim</u> each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy *is* the Lord of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!"

4. The Rapture of Jesus Christ

#### Acts 1:11

who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

5. The Rapture of Philip

#### Acts 8:39

Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught (Kot) Philip away, so that the eunuch yü-nək saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

6. The Rapture of Paul the Apostle

#### 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

<sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup> And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup> how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible e i-nik-'spre-sə-bəl words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

7. The Rapture of the Church

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

#### **Romans 8:11**

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

#### **Matthew 24:33**

So, you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

## What should I do?

#### 1. Persevere

#### **Matthew 24:13**

But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

## 2. Enter through the narrow gate.

## **Matthew 7:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad broad broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

## **Snatched Away**

The second coming of Christ is mentioned in the bible 329 times.

Hebrews 2:1-3 (NLV)

2 That is why we must listen all the more to the truths we have been told. If we do not, we may slip away from them. <sup>2</sup> These truths given by the angels proved to be true. People were punished when they did not obey them. <sup>3</sup> God was so good to make a way for us to be saved from the punishment of sin. What makes us think we will not go to hell if we do not take the way to heaven that He has made for us? The Lord was the first to tell us of this. Then those who heard Him told it later.

John 14:1-3 (NKJV)

**14** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

## What are you doing for the Lord?

Acts 9:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Saul answered, "Who are You, Lord?" He said, "I am Jesus, the One Whom you are working against. You hurt yourself by trying to hurt Me." <sup>6</sup> Saul was shaken and surprised. Then he said, "What do You want me to do, Lord?" The Lord said to him, "Get up! Go into the city and you will be told what to do."

Two commitments of the believer:

- 1. Who are you Lord?
- 2. What do you want me to do?
  - a. The majority knows the Lord but, they do not commit in doing anything for the Lord.
    - i. Great faith of great battles

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NLV)

<sup>10</sup> For all of us must stand before Christ when He says who is guilty or not guilty. Each one will receive pay for what he *has done*. He will be paid for the good or the bad done while he lived in this body.

- We will be judged.
- Our current actions have eternal consequences.

## These are some of the things in which we will be rewarded for:

- Winning lives (testifying)
- Worship
- Generosity

Luke 21:36 (NLV)

<sup>36</sup> Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

Hebrews 2:3 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak?

What are we going to escape from?

- Tribulation 3 years and a half, The Great Tribulation 3 years, and a half
- The tribulations starts when the antichrist begins to govern.

## 21 Calamities that are going to happen:

- 1. 1/3 of vegetation will be burnt.
- 2. The sun and the moon will go dark.
- 3. The gates of hell will be open and locusts the size of a horse will bite men.
- 4. A worldwide famine
- 5. Blood will flow until it reaches the size of a horse.
- 6. Ulcers
- 7. The seven seas will turn into blood.
- 8. The sun will burn men.
- 9. There will be fires out of control around the world.
- 10. They will look for death and will not find it.
- 11. Earthquakes of big magnitude that will make islands disappear.

#### Revelation 9:15

<sup>15</sup> So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

What group will you be in?

Do you know family and Friends who don't know Christ?

# Living in Jesus' love

#### What is love?

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

#### John 3:16

<sup>16</sup> "For this is how God loved the world: He gave<sup>11</sup> his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

#### 1 peter 4:8

<sup>8</sup> Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

#### 1 john 4:18-19

<sup>18</sup> Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. <sup>19</sup> We love each other<sup>19</sup> because he loved us first.

how do we receive His love?

#### Isaiah 55:6-7

- <sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked change their way and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

#### Romans 8:35-38

<sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep." <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. <sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever

separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

### Isaiah 55:3

<sup>3</sup> "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.

#### 1 John 4:15-17

<sup>15</sup> All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. <sup>16</sup> We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. <sup>17</sup> And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

**13** If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.