

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Conducting Ourselves in a Manner Worthy of the Gospel"

The first element of conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel is "standing firm in one spirit, with one mind."

The second element of conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel is our pursuit of church unity.

The first component in the formula for church unity is right motivations.

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The first mark of unity is "being of the same mind" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

The key to unity is thinking alike.

The word mind (PHRONEO) is used by Paul to describe a person's whole disposition. It not only involves the person's thoughts but his feelings and ultimately his will which results in him striving after one thing.

Being of the same mind to Paul means that we are wholly committed to setting our minds on the things of the spirit seeking to please the Lord rather than ourselves (Romans 8:4-6).

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We have the resources in Christ to set our mind on the things of the spirit because we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). It is not a matter of if we can but simply will we.