

The Power of One: Session 1

Read John 17:20-23 What did Jesus pray for all believers? How did he relate it to His father?

²⁰“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them **may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³I 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.

- He prayed that those who believed would become one.
- He also prayed we would receive His glory for the purpose of bringing unity.
- Unity shows the world God has sent us.

Application:

- Unity draws others in.
- In any mission unity ensures success.
- God can only be displayed through unity.
- Whoever you are unified to will be reflected to others.

Jesus went to the father to pray against division. He prayed that they wouldn't be puffed up as they soon would be the presenters of the gospel to the world. Jesus used the trinity to display how He is one with the Father and the Spirit. The ingredient for unity is to grow in grace and suffering. The first choice Jesus made during His last prayer and moment of suffering was to pray for unity and not division.

Being in the right environment and setting ensures success. Who are you surrounding yourself with? Each Saturday we men in Life Coach 180 choose to meet in a humble establishment called Ana's to unite as one in order to re-fuel and impact our respective communities. The Pharisee's in Jesus time choose to bring division. Establish time to build with men that are liked minded for the Kingdom.

Read 2 Peter 14-17 What are several things we should consider in order to remain as one? Is it possible for believers to still remain untaught and immature?

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, **be diligent to be found by Him in peace**, without spot and blameless; ¹⁵and consider *that* the **longsuffering of our Lord is salvation**—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, ¹⁶as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, **which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.**

¹⁷You therefore, beloved, since you know *this beforehand*, **beware lest** you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

- We should be found diligent (consistent)
- We need to remain in the peace and remember His longsuffering provided our salvation.

- It's important to look to others of experience and maturity in order to remain as one. You can now see how Peter looked up to Paul's example as he shared with the church in his epistle.
- Division results when you use scripture or your position to suit your own needs. You see this clearly in verse 16. This will result in division and lead to a great fall.

Application:

- Don't remain in your circumstance and be consistent in meditating in the peace that Jesus provides.
- Remember that diligence is a process and you must work towards it.
- If you hang around individuals that bring division, choose another group to build with.

2 Timothy 3:16 In order to remain unified, how must you be accountable with other men?

¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Accountability must come from the scriptures.
- Men must accept that rebuking is necessary and correction is a part of growth.

Application

- It's important to train for righteousness.
- Men that are successful are willing to be polished. Gold will tarnish if you don't take care of it just like our character.
- Correction must come from the corrector. Be willing to dig deep in the word of God to develop character.
- When you are not willing to accept correction, you separate yourself from the pack.
- Check out the clip, even a lion when separated from his pack can be attacked by hyenas. I want you to think of that sin you continue to battle. Remember this is strength in numbers. Sin will eventually destroy and as it wears you down.

[Lion vs. Hyenas](#)

Why is it so important to be a part of a team of men?

1. Being around Godly men will open up opportunities to be transparent, especially in times of being broken.
2. It allows you to engage in new experience which build commonality.
3. Time well spent is time where the hard questions are willing to be asked without any shut down.
4. Over time just like having a spotter, the heavier the weights that life throws at you will be supported.