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I AM A CHURCH MEMBER: Part 2

Introduction: We have seen a lot of division in the United States of America during this election process. The irony is our country is called the United States of America and yet we seem so divided. Our country has failed to realize one simple truth that can save governments, marriages, relationships, and even churches. That one simple truth is: we can disagree without being divided.

“I love team sports. I’ve seen teams with only average talent win championships. Don’t get me wrong; talent and gifted athletes are important. But what is even more important is how those athletes work together. Unity is important. Unity is critical. Likewise, when church members don’t work together, the church is weaker as a whole.” p.22

Second Pledge: I AM A UNIFYING CHURCH MEMBER

I. Understanding Unity

- A. Ephesians 4:1-3
- B. Colossians 3:14

II. Beware of Gossip and Other Negative Talk

- A. James 3:6
- B. I Peter 3:10

III. Embrace Forgiveness and Unity

- A. Matthew 6:14-15
- B. Colossians 3:12-13

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The First Pledge

I am a church member.

I like the metaphor of membership. It's not membership as in a civic organization or a country club. It's the kind of membership given to us in 1 Corinthians 12: "Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it" (1 Cor. 12:27).

Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an "eye," an "ear," or a "hand." As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it: if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Cor. 12:26).

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