

The Long, Hard Road: Right Practices #2

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

Mark 3:24-25

Unity is essential to KenoCC's success in mission

By our unity & love, the world can see God sent Jesus & we're His disciples. By their lack, they see neither.

Each of us must "be diligent to preserve unity," and "see to it that no root of bitterness springs up."

"That you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."

Unity is in Christ, God's Word, not in men, opinions, theories.

God would offer reconciliation through each of us just like He offered reconciliation to each of us in Christ.

Covering and Correcting are two practices that are essential to unity, and both must be practiced together.

A Study in Unity's "Glue:" Loyalty

Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, But who can find a trustworthy man? Proverbs 20:6

Loyalty and truth preserve the king, and he upholds his throne by righteousness. Proverbs 20:28

He who pursues righteousness and loyalty finds life, righteousness and honor. Proverbs 21:21

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? For your loyalty is like a morning cloud and like the dew which goes away early. Hosea 6:4

For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6

A Detailed Study of Loyalty

chesed- goodness, kindness: - deeds of devotion (2), devotion (1), devout (1), faithfulness (1), favor (2), good (1), kindly (7), kindness (32), kindnesses (1), loveliness (1), lovingkindness (176), lovingkindnesses (7), loyal deeds (1), loyalty (6), mercies (1), merciful (2), mercy (1), righteousness (1), unchanging love (2).

David, a man after God's own heart (see 1 Kings 15:1-5), made a horrendous series of choices when he stole Bathsheba from Uriah. His actions revealed the loyalties of several others around him. 2 Samuel 11, 12

One said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"
The one reporting accurately: Loyal or Disloyal?

David sent messengers and took her.
Messengers who took her: Loyal or Disloyal?

and when she came to him, he lay with her.
Bathsheba: Loyal or Disloyal?

Uriah refused to sleep with his wife while others warred.
Uriah: Loyal or Disloyal?

David got Uriah drunk in hopes he'd sleep with his wife.
David: Loyal or Disloyal?

Uriah again refused and slept in servant's quarters.
Uriah: Loyal or Disloyal?

David wrote to Joab, "Place Uriah . . . so that he die."
David: Loyal or Disloyal?

Uriah took David's letter to Joab.
Uriah: Loyal or Disloyal?

Joab had Uriah killed as David had ordered.
Joab: Loyal or Disloyal?

Nathan confronted David.
Nathan: Loyal or Disloyal?

The Believer's Overarching Loyalties

Make disciples, baptize & teach them to obey all. Matthew 28:18-19

This gospel shall be preached. Mark 24:14

Love God w/ all heart, mind, soul, and strength, neighbor as self. Luke 10:27

Love one another as I have loved you. John 13:34

Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Unity grows as trust grows

Unity shrinks as trust shrinks