One Heart And One Soul

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INTRODUCTION

- Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul.
- If you consider a group of people having one heart and one soul, it would be that they share one desire and they have one distinct identity. This is true unity.
- There's a difference between unity and union. You can tie the tails together of a cat and a dog and you'll have union, but you sure won't have unity.

1 Agreement Is Absolutely Necessary

1 Corinthians 1:10

- Agreement is absolutely necessary if you're going to have unity.
- That you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined or made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- You cannot have Bible unity in the absence of conviction. We must share the same convictions.
- There must be agreement about things like doctrine.

2 Support: A Safe Haven of Support

Acts 4:23–31

- There's more to unity than just agreement.
- When they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord, and they prayed this prayer.
- The church should be a safe haven of support from the dangers of the world that we're around every day.
- We ought to be able to come together and for this to be a support team that we have in one another.

3 Service: We Serve One Another

Acts 4:32–35

- Neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own. But they had all things in common.
- They distributed to each, as anyone had need.
- This is where unity requires a little bit of pain and sacrifice.
- All of us are to be servants and to wash one another's feet.

4 Teamwork: Striving Together for the Faith

Philippians 1:27

- Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ.
- That you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

- There's a synergy in that. When we're doing this together, it's easier for us to all do our jobs.
- There's a power that we can wield as a congregation if we are working together, striving together for the faith of the gospel.

5 Love: The Bond of Perfection

Colossians 3:14

- But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
- The word bond there really comes from the idea of a ligament that really binds the bones, the joints together.
- If we have agreement and support and service and teamwork, if we don't have love, it is profitless.
- When you take those bricks and you cement them together, you can form a structure that is formidable and that is one single unit.
- The cement that binds us together is love.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How could we possibly be of one heart and one soul in heaven if we aren't even of one heart and one soul here on earth?**

MY NOTES