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**The Power of Vision - Part 4**  
**My Part in Christ's Vision for the Church**  
**Romans 12**

**Last Sunday: Unity is Christ's Vision for the Church**

- 1. Jesus' prayer was that we be unified.**
- 2. My unity with other believers demonstrates my relationship with Jesus.**
- 3. Unity is our greatest witness to unbelievers.**
- 4. Unity takes place as we understand we need each other.**
- 5. It is God's call on us all to pursue unity.**

**My part: Unity, Love, Acceptance, and Harmony**

- 1. Focus on what we share, not our \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Romans 14:19 (NLT)** So then let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.  
**Romans 14:1 (MSG)** Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with - even when it seems that they are strong in opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.

- 2. Unity takes \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Ephesians 4:3** Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.
- 3. Be realistic in my \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)** Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.  
**1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)** Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.  
**(MSG)** Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything.
- 4. Offer encouragement over \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Romans 14:19 (MSG)** So let's agree to use all our energy in getting along with each other. Help others with encouraging words; don't drag them down by finding fault.  
**Proverbs 16:21 (GNT)** A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.