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The Power of Vision - Part 5
Harmony Helps Achieve the Vision
Ephesians 4:1-16, Romans 12

Romans 12:16 (NLT) Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all.

Ephesians 4:16 (NIV) From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1. _____ until you know all the facts.

Proverbs 3:21 (NIV) Do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgement and discretion.

Proverbs 18:13 (NLT) Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

2. Be _____ to what offends others.

1 Corinthians 10:32 (NIV) Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jew, Greek, or the church of God.

(NLT) Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God.

1 Peter 3:8 (NLT) Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.

Romans 15:1-2 (NLT) We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord.

3. Set aside freedom for _____.

Galatians 5:13-16 (CEV) My friends, you were chosen to be free. So don't use your freedom as an excuse to do anything you want. Use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love. All the Law says can be summed up in the command to love others as much as you love yourself. But if you keep attacking each other like wild animals, you had better watch out or you will destroy yourselves.

4. Choose to be humble and _____.

Philippians 2:3 (NCV) Do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.

Proverbs 3:3 (NCV) Don't ever forget kindness and truth. Wear them like a necklace. Write them on your heart as if on a tablet.

James 3:6 (MSG) A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.