

## **RIGHTLY RELATED**

### **Matthew 18:19-20**

How often we read over the scriptures without truly evaluating our relationship with what we are reading. Do we really believe God is in the midst of us each time we meet? Do we genuinely trust that if we get a prayer partner that God will bless and answer our prayer?

The word agree in this verse translated from the Greek actually means symphony. A *symphony* needs two things, a score and a conductor. To have believers agree we need two things also, the will of God and the Holy Spirit. If believers are to *agree* in prayer it is not intellectual, it must be spiritual unity.

### **Rightly United In Church**

**Ephesians 4:16; I Corinthians 3:11** The outward appearance of unity means nothing unless all believe that unity starts with Jesus Christ as the head and the answer to every problem. Many organizations, denominations and churches outwardly appear to be united but are really dysfunctional.

**I Corinthians 6:4-8** The reason this church was a failure in Paul's day is because they were never really united. They could not even get along with each other much less have a positive impact for God.

**Matthew 15:8** When we need to get spiritually close to God for answers we must know who we can unite with that is in right relationship and fellowship with God. God will not hear a phony!

**James 1:26; I John 2:9** When looking for a prayer partner or wanting your prayer issues to be placed on another person's prayer list be careful of what you say and to whom you say it.

**Ephesians 4:31-32** When trying to find someone to agree with in prayer we must be careful and make our decision based upon the good character and discretion of brethren that are spiritually mature.

**Ephesians 4:3; Colossians 3:14** Paul tells us that the most essential ingredients in unity are peace and love. He emphasizes to the church to "keep the bond of peace" and "put on love."

**Romans 2:1-3** Surveys of pastors and evangelists show that more than half the people in most professing church congregations have wrong attitudes and relationships to other people within the church. The body of Christ (the church) cannot function in unity while judging and holding grudges.

### **Rightly Related To Family**

**I Corinthians 2:14; 7:39** Our most dangerous, harmful and poisonous relationship problems are with the people with whom we are the closest, beginning with husbands and wives.

**I Peter 3:1-4** Many born again woman have issues with an unsaved husband and can't understand why their husband will not go to church. Have you changed and followed the instruction of the bible?

**Genesis 18:17-19** God chose Abraham because he knew Abraham would be the spiritual leader of his family that was needed to become the father of many nations. God said that we were the "salt and the light" of the world. He also said, "if the salt loses its flavor it is then good for nothing." If believers don't have the answer to the issues in our country where can the lost world turn to?

**I Peter 3:6-7** In many of our church families husbands and wives cannot agree within the framework of running the household. How can they *agree* in prayer if they are not united in the family?

**Ephesians 6:1-3; Galatians 6:7** I think it would be fair to say that at the very least the majority of young people in America, including the professing church, are in some kind of opposition or rebellion toward their parents. The problem is with both the children and parents but God is specific to this issue.

**Malachi 4:5-6** The Holy Spirit of God certainly knew what the condition of the world and the church would be during the last days. The church today is full of broken and divided homes with children in rebellion and parents who cannot agree on anything. Is it any wonder why God is not hearing or answering our prayers? The answer has never changed- (**II Chronicles 7:14**).