FOCUS togetherness

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Together in Harmony

Romans 12:5-6

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[5]May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such **harmony** with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6]that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Romans 15:5-6

1. Harmony is the _____ of the Christian Life

[1]I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:1-2

- **_____ prayed for it.**

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. —John 17:11

- **_____ commands it.**

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.
—Romans 12:16

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. —Colossians 3:14

- **_____ demonstrated it.**

[32]Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. [33]And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. —Acts 4:32-33

- **_____ focuses on it.**

… [2]with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3]eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace… [29]Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. [30]And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. —Ephesians 4:2-3, 29-30

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2. Harmony is the _____ of the Christian Life

[1]We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. [2]Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. [3]For Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." [4]For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. —Romans 15:1-4

[4]Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant [5]or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; [6]it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. —1 Corinthians 13:4-6

"Impatience can cause wise people to do foolish things. "
—Janette Oke

The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
—2 Peter 3:9

3. Harmony is the _____ of the Christian Life

"In music, harmony refers to notes that behave differently from one another, for the sole purpose of contributing to one another—not rising above one another. This is how we're called to live." —Bret Legg

4. Harmony is the _____ of the Christian Life

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. —Matthew 5:16

"Paul's goal is never merely good human relations—unless, of course, we define 'good human relations' as God-glorifying, Christ-exalting human relationships, which we should do. But the ultimate aim of Christ and His apostle is to display the glory of God—the beauty of God, the greatness of God, the many-sided perfections of God. All of creation, all of redemption, all of church, all of society and culture exist to display God. Nothing and no one is an end itself, but only God."
—John Piper

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