

Rom 12:10 “devoted to one another in brotherly **LOVE**”

2Co 6:13 “**OPEN WIDE** your hearts”

1Th 5:11 “**ENCOURAGE...BUILD UP** one another”

1Th 5:13 “**LIVE IN PEACE** with one another”

1Pt 4:9 “be **HOSPITABLE** to one another”

1Pt 4:10 “**SERVE** with one another”

**WE DIFFER ... culture, race, sex,
education, income, knowledge, maturity
Ac 11:36-40 even among the best brethren
Rom 14:13-15,19 conscience differences
(matters of liberty v3,4,5,14,16,20)
1Co 1:10 “same mind & judgment”? i.e., in
regard to following men 1:12-13; 2:5; 4:6**

SHOULD DESIRE SPIRITUAL UNITY ...

Eph 4:3-6,13 “3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit... 4 **one** body ... one Spirit, ... **one** hope ... 5 **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, 6 **one** God and Father ...”

Need for BALANCE between recognition of *legitimate individuality* and *desire for "oneness" in Christ*

MUST WORK AT IT ...

Eph 4:11-13 “He gave some as **apostles**, ... **prophets**, ... **evangelists**, ... **pastors** ... **teachers**, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the **unity of the faith**, and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”

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Eph 4:14-15 “14 **As a result**, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;
15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ”

REQUIRED ATTITUDE ...

Eph 4:2 “with all **humility** and **gentleness** [**meekness ASV**], with **patience** [**longsuffering NKJV**], **showing tolerance** [**bearing with NKJV**] for one another in **love**”

NOTE: *Thanks, brethren!*