

REVELATION

- I. **The genuine one accord in the church is the practice of the oneness of the Body, which is the oneness of the Spirit**—Eph. 4:3-6:
  - A. The practice of the genuine one accord in the church is the application of the oneness; when the oneness is practiced, it becomes the one accord—Acts 1:14; 2:46.
  - B. The landmark that divides the Gospels and the Acts is the one accord among the one hundred twenty—Acts 1:14:
    - They had become one in the Body, and in that oneness they continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer—Eph. 4:3-6; Acts 1:14.
    - When the apostles and the believers practiced the church life, they practiced it in one accord—Acts 2:46; 4:24, 32; 5:12; 15:25.
  - C. If we practice the principle of the Body, we will have the one accord, for the one accord is the Body—Rom. 12:4-5; 15:5-6; 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 20, 27; 1:10.
  - D. The one accord is the master key to every blessing in the New Testament—Eph. 1:3; Psalms 133:
    - In order to receive God's blessing, we must practice the oneness by the one accord.
    - The blessing of God can come only upon a situation of one accord, the practice of the oneness.
- II. **One accord refers to the harmony in our inner being, in our mind and will**—Acts 1:14:
  - A. In Acts 1:14 the Greek word *homothumadon*, translated "one accord," is strong and all-inclusive:
    - This word comes from *homo*, "same," and *thumos*, "mind, will, purpose (soul, heart)," and denotes a harmony of inward feeling in one's entire being.
    - We should be in the same mind and the same will with the same purpose around and within our soul and heart; this means that our entire being is involved.
    - For the one hundred twenty to be in one accord meant that their entire beings were one—Acts 1:14.
  - B. In Matthew 18:19 the Greek word *sumphoneo* is used to signify the one accord:
    - This word means "to be in harmony, or accord," and refers to the harmonious sound of musical instruments or voices; the harmony of inward feeling among the believers is like a harmonious melody.
    - When we have the one accord, we become a pleasing melody to God.

- III. The practice of the oneness—the one accord—is according to the apostles’ teaching—Acts 2:42, 46:**
- A. There was one accord among the believers, and those who were in one accord continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching—Acts 2:42.
  - B. The apostles taught the same thing to all the saints in all the places and in all the churches; today we also must teach the same thing in all the churches in every country throughout the earth—1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17; 11:16; 14:33b-34; Matt. 28:19-20.
  - C. The teaching of the apostles is the holding factor of the one accord—Acts 2:42, 46.
- IV. In practicing the one accord, we need to be in one spirit with one soul—Phil. 1:27; 2:2, 5; 4:2:**
- A. We should be attuned in the same mind and in the same opinion; this is to be one in our soul—1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 1:27; 2:2, 5; 4:2.
  - B. To be in one accord is to be one in our whole being; this results in our being one in our outward speaking—Rom. 15:5-6:
    - To have one mind and one mouth means that we have only one Head—Christ; we should think with the mind of Christ and speak with the mouth of the Head—Col. 1:18a; Phil. 2:2, 5; 4:2.
    - Whenever we are in one accord, we speak with one mouth—Rom. 15:6.
    - With one accord and with one mouth mean that even though we are many and all are speaking, we all “speak the same thing”—1 Cor. 1:10.
    - The only way to be with one accord and with one mouth is to allow Christ the room to be everything in our heart and in our mouth so that God may be glorified—Eph. 3:17a, 21.
- V. In order to be in one accord we need to have one heart and one way—Jer. 32:39; Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24:**
- A. The believers should have one heart—to love God, to seek God, to live God, and to be constituted with God so that we may be His expression—and one way—the Triune God Himself as the inner law of life with its divine capacity—Mark 12:30; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:16-17; Jer. 31:33-34; John 14:6a.
  - B. Divisions result from having a heart for something other than Christ and taking a way other than Christ—1 Cor. 1:13a; 2:2; Col. 2:8; Acts 15:35-40.
- VI. If we would have one accord, there should be only one “scale” in the church life—Deut. 25:13-16:**
- A. To condemn a certain thing in others while justifying the same thing in ourselves indicates that we have different weights and measures, that is, different scales— one scale for measuring others and a different scale for measuring ourselves.
  - B. The practice of having different scales is the source of discord, but if we have only one scale, we will keep the oneness and one accord in the church—Eph. 4:1-3; Matt. 7:1.
- VII. Today we can be in one accord because we have one, all-inclusive vision—the vision of the age—Prov. 29:18a; Acts 26:1:**
- A. Many love God and serve Him, but everyone has his own vision; as a result, there is no way to have the one accord.
  - B. As long as we have different visions on a minor point, we cannot have the one accord—Phil. 3:15.
  - C. The vision that the Lord has given His recovery is an all-inclusive vision—the ultimate consummation of all the visions in the Bible—Rev. 21:2, 10-11.
- VIII. For the Lord’s up-to-date move, all the churches need to be in one accord; we should all voice the same thing, trumpet the same thing, teach the same thing, and be the same in practice—Josh. 1:16-18; 6:1-16; Acts 2:42; 4:24, 32; 1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17; 11:16; 14:33b-34; 1 Tim. 1:3-4; 6:3.**

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  - The practice of the genuine one accord in the church is the application of the oneness. When the oneness is practiced, it becomes the one accord. The landmark that divides the Gospels and the Acts is the one accord among the one hundred twenty. They practiced the principle of the Body and had become one in the Body. In the oneness, the apostles and the believers practiced the church life in one accord and continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer. The one accord is the master key to every blessing in the New Testament as the blessing of God can come only upon a situation of one accord, the practice of the oneness. [Eph. 4:4-6] One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. [John 17:11] ...Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given to Me, that they may be one even as We are. [Psa 133:1-3] Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell in unity! It is like the fine oil upon the head That ran down upon the beard, Upon Aaron's beard, That ran down upon the hem of his garments; Like the dew of Hermon That came down upon the mountains of Zion. For there Jehovah commanded the blessing: Life forever.
- II. **One accord refers to the harmony in our inner being, in our mind and will**
  - In Acts 1:14 the one hundred twenty were in one accord. Both Greek words, in Acts 1:14 and in Matthew 18:19, that translated to “one accord” denote a harmony of inward feeling in the believer’s entire being; they are in the same mind and will, with the same purpose around and within their soul and heart; that the believers is like a harmonious melody that is a pleasing to God. [Acts 1:14] These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer [Matt. 18:19] ...if two of you are in harmony on earth concerning any matter for which they ask, it will be done for them from My Father who is in the heavens.
- III. **The practice of the oneness—the one accord—is according to the apostles’ teaching**
  - There was one accord among the believers and they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching. The teaching of the apostles is the holding factor of the one accord. We also must teach the same thing in all the churches in every country throughout the earth. [Acts 2:42] And they continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles,... [Acts 2:46] And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord...
- IV. **In practicing the one accord, we need to be in one spirit with one soul**
  - To be one in our soul is to be in the same mind and in the same opinion. To be in one accord is to be one in our whole being; this results in our being one in our outward speaking. We need to only have Christ in our spirit as the head; think with the mind of Christ and speak with the mouth of the Head; allow Christ the room to be everything in our heart and in our mouth; that though we are many and all are speaking, we all “speak the same thing”; that God may be glorified. [Phil. 1:27] ...that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving together along with the faith of the gospel. [Phil. 2:2] ...that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing. [1 Cor. 1:10] ...that there be no divisions among you, but that you be attuned in the same mind and in the same opinion. [Rom. 15:5-6] Now the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind toward one another according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- V. **In order to be in one accord we need to have one heart and one way**
  - The believers should have one heart—to love God, to seek God, to live God, and to be constituted with God so that we may be His expression—and one way—the Triune God Himself as the inner law of life with its divine capacity. Divisions result from having a heart for something other than Christ and taking a way other than Christ. [John 14:6a] Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; [Mark 12:30] And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.
- VI. **If we would have one accord, there should be only one “scale” in the church life**
  - The practice of having different scales, one scale for measuring others and a different scale for measuring ourselves, is the source of discord, but if we have only one scale, we will keep the oneness and one accord in the church. [Eph. 4:2-3] With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing one another in love, Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace:
- VII. **Today we can be in one accord because we have one, all-inclusive vision—the vision of the age**
  - Tough many love God and serve Him, but everyone has his own vision. As long as we have different visions on a minor point, we cannot have the one accord. The vision that the Lord has given His recovery is an all-inclusive vision—the ultimate consummation of all the visions in the Bible. [Prov. 29:18] Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint... [Acts 26:19] ... I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.
- VIII. **For the Lord’s up-to-date move, all the churches need to be in one accord; we should all voice the same thing, trumpet the same thing, teach the same thing, and be the same in practice**

If there had been no one accord on the earth in [Acts 1](#), the powerful and dynamic Spirit could have never been poured out. There would have been no vessels to take Him, receive Him, contain Him, and express Him. Thus, the one accord is critical. It is a response to God's doing, a coordination or cooperation offered to God for His move. The Lord's move on God's side depends upon the consummated Spirit and on our side depends upon the one accord. Before the pouring out of the Spirit, there was a group of people praying together with one accord (v. 14). That one accord was a preparation for them to receive the pouring out of the Spirit. After this pouring out, they remained and continued in this one accord along with the three thousand saved on the day of Pentecost (2:46). This one accord was the basic factor of the Lord's move through the entire book of Acts.

The matter of one accord controls the entire revelation concerning the Lord's move on one side. If there were no Spirit on the Lord's side, it would be impossible for the Lord to move on this earth at all. In the same principle, without the one accord on our side, God cannot move. We have to match God. He is now the consummated Spirit, and we have to say, "Lord, we are ready here as the very one accord. We want to not only render but are also ready to offer to You this one accord." Immediately there is a kind of marriage, and a couple comes out. Then anything can be done.

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If you expect to have one accord in any kind of society, group, or movement, you need the same kind of thinking that comes out of the same kind of knowledge. The Socialist party stresses socialism. Any political party has its own "ism." They stress their "ism" in order to have a party, to have what we call the one accord. Without the one accord, no party could accomplish anything. Any society, group, or movement needs this one accord that comes out of the same kind of thought, the same kind of knowledge. Therefore, Acts tells us that, on the one hand, there was one accord among the disciples, and on the other hand, all those who were one in one accord were continuing in the teaching of the apostles (2:42). The teaching of the apostles was the very holding factor of the one accord. If there were more than one teaching, this would damage the holding factor.

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