

STANDING FIRM IN UNITY

Philippians 4:1-5

**How can I encourage a spirit
of unity and stability within
the body of Christ?**

1. Develop Deep Relationships

v.1

- Paul's love caused him to send coworkers. (2:19-20)
- Philippians' love for Paul caused them to send financial support. (4:15)
- Philippians 1:3-9
- I Thessalonians 2:19-20, 3:9

2. Be Helpful to One Another v.3

- Note “true companion”
- Be reminded of successes.
- Keep the focus on the work.

3. Express Joy to One Another v.4

- God's Redemption - I Samuel 2:1, Psalm 13:5, 71:23
- God's Supply - Philippians 4:19
- Service to God - I Timothy 1:12
- God's Security - Romans 8:38-39

4. Outsource Self to Others v.5

- Live in contentment v.5a
 - “gentleness ... to all men”
 - Live in anticipation v.5b
 - “The Lord is at hand.”
- *Wouldn't it be great to be found doing for others when Jesus returns!

Applications

1. Spend time with believers outside of church.
2. Do not dwell on problems, deal with them.
3. Show contentment by blessing others with your blessings.