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THE POWER OF UNITY

When people join together in unity great things are accomplished. Whether it be joining together as an army to go to war, or two in a marriage dedicated to each other and being in unity.

We see how unity brought great strength to the Jewish people when Nehemiah was sent back to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall. There was strong opposition from his enemies, but he encouraged the people and through unity of labor and spirit the wall was completed in 52 days.

It says in Nehemiah 4:6, ***“So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.”*** They came together with a common cause and prevailed against their enemies.

Nehemiah 6:15-16, ***“So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. 16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.”*** Their unity got the job done in record time.

In Acts chapter 1 we see 120 souls waiting together in the upper room. They were sent there by Jesus. It says in Acts 1:14, ***“These all continued with one accord (unity) in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.”***

This unity birthed the church. The people also came together and shared their belongings, sold their land, and were one in unity.

With unity great exploits can be done. Without unity there is chaos, and any good plan will be undermined by a divisive spirit. We must strive to have unity in the church. God placed the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher in the church to bring the body of Christ into unity. Without these five gifts operating in their individual call, but corporately to bring unity, the church is weak.

Perhaps this is why the church is weak and doesn't have unity because many denominations believe these gifts ended when the apostles died. How foolish this is. We need these five gifts to equip us to come into unity. Jesus is coming back for a unified body, not one that is divided over denominational differences.

Let us pray that we be the ones to bring unity to the church. Pray for unity.