

THE PRINCIPLE OF HARMONY
ACTS 2:46

WHAT IS HARMONY?

Agreement in feeling or opinion, accord
Pleasing combination of elements in whole

ORCHESTRA PLAYING SWAN LAKE

SPORTS TEAMS

WITHIN THE CHURCH

EARLY CHURCH HAD THAT SPIRIT

WHY IS HARMONY IMPORTANT?

LACK OF HARMONY WILL DAMAGE OUR MISSION

Hard to focus

Cause strife

JAMES 4:1-3

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

**FOCUSED ON WHAT THEY WANTED NOT
WHAT GOD WANTED**

JOHN 17:20-21

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

HARMONY ENSURE THAT SAME GOALS

THINGS THREATEN HARMONY

FALSE TEACHING ACTS 20:29-30

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

LEGALISTIC SPIRIT

ACTS 15

Jews wanted Gentiles be circumcised

CRITICISM GALATIANS 5:15

If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

I do now know the secret to success, but I will tell you the key to failure- try to please everyone. Bill Cosby

UNCONTROLLED EGO 3 JOHN

I wrote to the church, but Diotrefes, who loves to be first, will have nothing to do with us.

STEPS TO MAINTAIN HARMONY

KEEP EGO UNDER CONTROL

Roger Staubach

BE FLEIXBLE

Be willing to give and take

DEVELOP A SENSE OF HUMOR PROV.17:22

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

RESPECT LEADERS HEBREWS 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

AVOID CONFRONTATION IF POSSIBLE

TITUS 3:9

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.

PRACTICE SERVANTHOOD

Disciples fought over who would be greatest
Jesus taught them to serve John 13

ALL IS SAME BOAT

**IF WE ARE GOING TO GET WHERE NEED TO
BE MUST BE ROWING IN SAME DIRECTION**
