

The power of agreement

Agreement: covenant, alliance, pledge

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed (Amos 3:3 – NKJV)?

God models this principle for us in the Trinity (Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3: 16-17)

There is power in agreement... either negative or positive

Three kinds of agreements:

1. agreements with the enemy
2. agreements with others (husband/wife, friends, family, coworkers, etc)
3. agreements with God

How do we agree with the enemy?

The enemy comes to steal, to kill and to destroy...

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (John 10:10 – NKJV).

...by trying to stop us from agreeing with God's plans and purposes

We agree with the enemy

1. When we believe his lies about who we are
2. When we perceive others that are different from us (Revelation 7:9)
3. When there is generational sin and we are not able to stop the behavior (Exodus 20: 4-5)
4. When we believe lies about ourselves or others
We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place (Isaiah 28:15).

We agree with other people

Stories where people agreed and entered into a wrong agreement

1. Joseph (Genesis 37)
2. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5: 1:10)
The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:18-21).
3. Tower of Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9)

Agreeing with God

1. **Believe God about who you are in Christ**
But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9 – NKJV);
2. **God gives us abundant life (John 10:10)**
The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (John 10:10 – NKJV).
3. **We are His children and He is our father**
Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him (1 John 3:1 – NKJV).
4. **He leads us by His Spirit (Galatians 5:25)**
If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:25 – NKJV).
5. **Whatever we ask in His name, He will give it to us**
But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You (John 11:22 – NKJV)
6. **We need to agree with His word**
7. **Choose to agree with the leadership that God has set in place (Amos 3:3; Luke 11:17)**
And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding Jeremiah 3:15 – NKJV).

Heart issues that cause division between us and others and between us and God

1. Disobedience
2. Offenses and roots of bitterness

How we talk about leadership and others in the body of Christ limits us

1. We all need to live in a place of brokenness
2. We love Jesus as much as we love His bride
3. We must grow in love for one another

Right agreement: agreeing with another based on God's Word brings about desired results

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought (1 Cor. 1:10 – NIV).
Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven (Matthew 18:19 - NKJV)

How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the Lord had surrendered them (Deuteronomy 32:30)?

I Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 3... for there the Lord commanded the blessing-- Life forevermore. (Psa. 133: 1-3 – NKJV)

Story about agreeing with leadership (Hebrews 11:30; Joshua 6: 1-17)

With our tongues we speak death or life (Genesis 1 - and God said)

9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so (James 3: 9-10 – NKJV).