

The Breastplate

The 12 stones representing the 12 tribes of Israel were kept in the breastplate close to the heart of the High Priest. From this we learn how important it is for us to press together, to be united in Christ's love, and to reveal this love to people, inside and outside the church.

The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of the body of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart. If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world. (Christian Service, p. 75)

In order for Christians to live in unity, they must do the following:

1. Ephesians 4:1-3
2. 1 Peter 3:8
3. John 13:34
4. Colossians 3:13-14
5. 1 Corinthians 1:10
6. 1 Corinthians 12:12
7. Philippians 2:2-3

What will be the result of living in unity?

1. John 13:35
2. John 17:20-23
3. Galatians 3:26-28
4. Romans 6:5
5. Acts 2:44-47

There is too much coldness and indifference—too much of the “I don’t care” spirit—exercised among the professed followers of Christ. All should feel a care for one another, jealousy guarding each other’s interests. “Love one another.” Then we should stand a strong wall against Satan’s devices. Press together. “United, we stand; divided, we fall.” Take a higher, nobler stand than you ever have before. (Our High Calling, p. 370)

There is need of perfect unity and love among believers in the truth, and anything that leads to dissension is of the devil. The Lord designs that His people shall be one with Him as the branches are one with the vine. Then they will be one with each other. (Selected Messages, book 3, p. 352)

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Psalm 133:1)