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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 163

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His <u>unifying</u> love**. **Ps. 133:1-3** *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in <u>unity</u>! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows His blessing, even life forevermore."*

The Hebrew word for *unity* is ***ya chad*** which means *in total unity with no room for division.* Isn't it interesting that God wants His people to live in unity, and yet some of the worst feuds and divisions I've ever seen were in the church? This happens when people's desires out-weigh the desires of the Lord. It's the old trap of "selfishness" that the devil loves to use against people. James put it bluntly in **James 4:2-3 "***You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so 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."*

The Lord desires us to work together by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to be a body that functions well with each part doing what we are gifted to do. In fact, **Prov. 6:19** lists this as a sin; and abomination to Him and something He hates: *one who sows discord among the brethren.* When we work in unity, the power of the Lord is manifested through us. He uses us to do His will and to bring Him the glory that He deserves.

Beloved, there is no room for division in the body of Christ. All that really matters is that we follow the leading of the Spirit of God and honor Him with our lives.

Dear Father, help us to work together in unity and show the world the love of Christ in action. Help us desire what You want and not what we want. Help Your desires to be our desires. In Jesus Name, Amen