Title: The power of godliness - Loyalty

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Ps 133:1, 3 (NKJV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in <u>unity!</u> For there the Lord commands a blessing – life forever more.

Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1, 4-8 (NKJV)

At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words....

Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world." But the LORD came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. "Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other." In that way, the LORD scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city.

Phil 2:2-4 (NKJV)

Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through **selfish ambition** or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Selfish = Concerned chiefly with one's own personal profit or pleasure at the expense of considerations for others. **Ambition** = A strong desire to do or achieve something. A desire for success, wealth, fame.

Matthew 12:25 (NKJV) Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NLT) There are six things the LORD hates, no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

Loyalty - loyalty is the key to unity and the secret to God's blessing

Loyalty = showing firm and constant support or commitment to a person, institution or cause

ARE WE LOYAL TO OUR EMPLOYER?

ARE WE LOYAL TO OUR LOCAL CHURCH?

Shofar's vision: to reach nations & generations through disciple making, leadership development & church planting.

ARE WE LOYAL TO OUR SPOUSE?

ARE WE LOYAL TO GOD?

2 Chron 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* <u>loval</u> to Him.

The power of unity: Matthew 18:19 Again I tell you, if two of you on earth <u>agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together)</u> about <u>whatever [anything and everything] they may ask</u>, it will come to pass <u>and</u> be done for them by My Father in heaven.