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## Our Values, Part II

### I. Unity

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. . . until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,* Ephesians 4:1-3, 13

How will we maintain “unity”?

#### A. We will portray humility.

*complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but **in humility** count others more significant than yourselves.* Philippians 2:2-3

#### B. We will practice fighting for relationship.

*Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.* Ephesians 4:26-27

#### C. We will pay attention to church/academy partnership.

*I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.* 1 Corinthians 1:10

### II. Integrity

*Rather, **speaking the truth** in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, . . . Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you **speak the truth** with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.* Ephesians 4:15, 25

How is integrity expressed?

#### A. By our authenticity.

*to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,* Ephesians 4:22

*Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present.* 2 Corinthians 10:11

#### B. By our modeling.

*Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,* Titus 2:7

#### C. By living above reproach.

*and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.* Ephesians 4:24

### Application:

It is more rewarding to resolve conflict than to dissolve relationships.

*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.* Ephesians 4:31-32

Steps to resolving conflict:

1. Realize it begins with me.
2. Seek knowledge and wisdom.
3. Keep a clean slate.
4. Spend time in prayer.

*do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7