

BEING MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER

EVEN WHEN DISAGREEING
Acts 15:36-41

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A. The Reason for the Contention -
15:36-39a

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Eph.4:3 - "Endeavoring to keep the unity
of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

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A. The Reason for the Contention - 15:36-39a

1. Paul & Barnabas Agreed on the Importance of the Trip (v.36)

2. Paul & Barnabas Disagreed on the Ingredients of the Team (vs.37-39a)

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B. The Results of the Contention - 15:39b-41

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“Paul looked at people and asked, ‘What can they do for God’s work?’, while Barnabas looked at people and asked, ‘What can God’s work do for them?’”

Warren W. Wiersbe

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B. The Results of the Contention - 15:39b-41

- 1. Barnabas Focused on Inreach (v.39b)
- 2. Paul Focused on Outreach (vs.40-41)

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1 Cor.9:16 - "For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel!"

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Rom.15:24 - "Whenever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you; for I trust to see you in my journey..."

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C. The Remedy for Contention - 15:39b-41

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Factors which Enhance Oneness		Factors which Inhibit Oneness
Humility	vs	Pride

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Eph.5:29 - "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it..."

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Factors which Enhance Oneness

Humility
Selflessness

vs
vs

Factors which Inhibit Oneness

Pride
Selfishness

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“Love only grows in the garden of humility.”

John MacArthur, Jr.

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Factors which Enhance Oneness

Humility
Selflessness
Forgiveness
Forbearance
Generosity
Transparency

vs
vs
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vs

Factors which Inhibit Oneness

Pride
Selfishness
Bitterness
Intolerance
Demanding
Guardedness

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1 Cor.13:7 - "Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

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Factors which Enhance
Oneness

Humility
Selflessness
Forgiveness
Forbearance
Generosity
Transparency
Honesty

vs
vs
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Factors which Inhibit
Oneness

Pride
Selfishness
Bitterness
Intolerance
Demanding
Guardedness
Deceptiveness
