

Spiritual Stability Requires Spiritual Unity

- **PROPOSITION**: In Philippians 4:1—9 Paul teaches us the _____
_____ so that we will not lose our footing during shaky times.

1) Stand Firm by viewing others rightly (1)

2) Stand Firm by _____ (2—3)

- The _____ of Unity (2)

- The _____ of Unity (3)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see the areas of your life that need change.

1. In verse 2 of chapter 4, Paul urges the ladies to "live in harmony in the Lord." This is literally "be of the same mind." Isn't it enough for the two ladies to simply tolerate one another? Why is our harmony in thinking so important to church unity?

2. Why does Paul ask his "true companion" to get involved with these two women? Are the ladies not mature enough to handle it themselves? What are the benefits of having someone outside of the conflict coming in to address the issues? Are there any negatives to using an outside person?

3. How do you guard yourself from not getting caught up in a church controversy either as a primary or secondary participant? What are some practical things that you can do?

4. In your opinion, what would the apostle Paul have seen as a successful reconciliation? What would Scripture teach as the goal of reconciliation?

5. What are some additional thoughts and/or application from this morning's lesson? What does this passage teach you about man and about God?

This week's Bible Reading:

<i>Sunday, May 23:</i> 1 Kgs 6:1-7:12 John 2:1-22	<i>Monday, May 24:</i> 1 Kgs 7:13-8:21 John 2:23-3:21	<i>Tuesday, May 25:</i> 1 Kgs 8:22-9:9 John 3:22-4:3	<i>Wednesday, May 26:</i> 1 Kgs 9:10-11:13 John 4:4-26
<i>Thursday, May 27:</i> 1 Kgs 11:14-12:33 John 4:27-42	<i>Friday, May 28:</i> 1 Kgs 13:1-14:31 John 4:43-5:16	<i>Saturday, May 29:</i> 1 Kgs 15:1-16:28 John 5:17-30	<i>Sunday, May 30:</i> 1 Kgs 16:29-18:46 John 5:31-47