

Agreement

(συμφωνέω = 'symphoneo')

To agree together, to come into agreement, to sound together, to be in accord (primarily of musical instruments), to be in harmony, to make an agreement.

Matthew 18:19, "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."

The word used here in the original Greek is "symphoneo," from which comes the word symphony. It literally means "to agree in sound" or "to be in harmony," as may be heard in a symphony orchestra. Harmonic sound of two instruments is more beautiful than the sound of one, though more difficult to achieve. And the harmony, as well as the difficulty in performing it, becomes greater as more instruments are added. Is not this the true worth of united prayer? When we pray together, we are expected to perfect our God-given gifts in order to blend into a symphonic and balanced sound. The harmonic whole becomes greater than its individual parts, and at the same time, there is no diminishing of the unique contribution of each participant. In fact, by learning to blend with others, we get to understand and appreciate our own uniqueness more and more. What's more, Jesus reminds us that we do not need a crowd (verse 20). Just two or three of us harmonizing in spirit is more beautiful than the assembly of a thousand that has no bond of union.

Remember, unity in prayer requires unity in the spirit. Merely meeting together is not enough. Our hearts need to be joined together in complete agreement. Leviticus 26:8 says, "**Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight.**" Agreement is very powerful - especially in prayer! When our hearts are joined together in faith, and our supplications are in agreement with the Word of God, we sound like a harmonious symphony. Out of this kind of agreement comes our authority in prayer.

In Philippians 2:2 the apostle Paul states, "**Fulfil my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord** ('σύμψυχος') **and of one mind.**" The original Greek says, "*Fulfil my joy that you may be of the same mind, having the same love, joined in soul, minding one thing.*" Does this mean that we are all expected to think and act the same? Definitely not, for there is nowhere in God's word that suggest this. Uniformity and unity is not the same thing. It is possible to attain unity without uniformity.

Every individual has the right to choose, and these choices can lead him or her to unity or discord. Hence, it's up to each of us to exercise our will to precipitate agreement. Where there is agreement you will find unity, and where there is unity the Lord will command His blessing (Psalm 133).