

UNITED WE STAND: THE TWIN TOWERS OF UNITY
Don't Let the Second One Fall!
A Call for Unity and Vision for the Brookdale Baptist Church, Matt. 12:25
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INTRODUCTION:

PROPOSITION: If we are to keep the tower of unity standing; if we are to “stand united,” we must answer and act on four questions.

I. HOW CAN WE STAND UNITED WHEN IF DO NOT SIT UNITED?

- A. We Must Be One in *Doctrine*. Acts 2:41-, 42.
- B. We Must Be One in *Desire*.
 - 1. We Should Desire the *Worship* of Our Lord. Matt. 5:6.
 - 2. We Should Desire the *Winning* of the Lost. Rom. 10:1.
- C. We Must Be One in *Devotion*. Eph. 5:25-27.

II. HOW CAN WE STAND UNITED IF WE DO NOT SING UNITED?

- A. Our Worship Must Be Christ-*Centered*. Mark 12:30.
- B. Our Worship Must Be *Celebrative*. Heb. 2:12.
- C. Our Worship Must Be *Contemplative*. Ps. 46:10.
- D. Our Worship Must Be *Compelling*. James 1:22-27.

III. HOW CAN WE STAND UNITED IF WE DO NOT SERVE UNITED?

- A. Our Service Must Be Christ-*Focused*. Matt. 25:40.
- B. Our Service Must Be Church *First*. Matt. 16:13-19.

C. Our Service Must Be Commission-**Fueled**.

1. The Great **Commandment**. Mark 12:29-31.
2. The Great **Commission**. Matt. 28:18-20.
3. The Great **Challenge**. Acts 1:8.
4. The Great **Charge**. 2 Tim. 4:1, 2.

IV. HOW CAN WE STAND UNITED IF WE DO NOT SEE UNITED? Prov. 29:18.

- A. Our Vision Comes **from** Our **Lord**.
- B. Our Vision Comes **through** Our **Leaders**.
- C. Our Vision Comes **to** Our **Laity**.

APPLICATION:

1. Will you seek the Lord first in your church life?
2. Will you lay aside advocating one ministry over the other, and instead support the “church” as a whole?
3. Will you support your pastor and follow his leadership? The Leadership of the Elders?
4. Will you place the Lord’s agenda, which is the church, over your agenda?
5. As far as your loyalties to the church, will you refuse to divide your loyalties away from this church?
6. If you are teetering concerning your loyalties to Brookdale and its leadership, will you get off the fence and stay?
7. Will you commit to the future of Brookdale today?