

- Unified purpose.
- Clear lanes.
- Team spirit mentality.

HARMONY INCREASES EFFICIENCY FOR THE MISSION.

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Patterns of harmony that create efficiency for the mission:

- ▶ **Genuine** love. – 12:9
- ▶ **Brotherly** affectionate love – 12:10
- ▶ Be **competitive** in honoring one another vs. seeking recognition for ourselves – 12:10
- ▶ **Overcome** laziness with zeal in serving the Lord – 12:11
- ▶ Be hopeful, patient, and constant in prayer – 12:12
- ▶ Open your **wallet** and your **home** to your faith family – 12:13
- ▶ Exchange **revenge** for blessing – 12:14
- ▶ Show **solidarity** in all seasons – 12:15
- ▶ Live in **harmony** – 12:16a
- ▶ Be carried away with **lowly** things and people – 12:16b
- ▶ Never become a legend in your own mind – 12:16c
- ▶ Elevate the importance of the **mission** over personal agendas – 12:17
- ▶ Strive for peace – 12:18
- ▶ Give revenge to the **Avenger** – 12:19
- ▶ Do not be overcome by **evil**, but overcome evil with **good** – 12:20-21