

We're not much different today. I once attended a church where feuding families sat on opposite sides of the sanctuary. They didn't speak to one another and avoided any kind of contact. The issue? They were split on the matter of whether to serve coffee in the foyer or in the church basement!

It's sad, but all too many times, brothers and sisters in Christ have taken sides and waited months or even years for the other to make the first move--and neither has.

It's hard to take that first step. It takes humility and grace. But God, who gives us grace for all things, will enable us to make the first move toward reconciliation. Be the first to break the cycle! --DCE

*Have you hurt a friend or brother?  
Go at once and make things right;  
From your heart say, "I am sorry."  
How these words bring God delight! --DJD*

**There is no heavier load than a chip on the shoulder.**



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### Break The Cycle

**I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. --Philippians 4:2**

I have no idea why Euodia and Syntyche were fussing at each other. Knowing human nature, I suppose it was something minor that had put them at odds. Whatever it was, their disagreement had apparently become a distraction to the whole church.

What we do know, however, is that unless the women were willing to break the cycle by apologizing and offering forgiveness, the feud would continue. It was already serious enough to have been called to Paul's attention.



# Insights for Living

## Standfast in Harmony 1



### Standfast, verse 1

- #1. Standfast in harmony, v2-3
- #2. Standfast in joy, v4
- #3. Standfast in gentleness, v5
- #4. Standfast in peace, v6-7
- #5. Standfast in thought, v8
- #6. Standfast in action, v9

**(1 Corinthians 16:13)** "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."

**(1 Thessalonians 3:8)** "For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord."

**(2 Thessalonians 2:15)** "Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, ..."



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## Standfast in Harmony

We can standfast in harmonious relationships by:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **interpersonal** \_\_\_\_\_, verse 2

2. Making \_\_\_\_\_ **between** \_\_\_\_\_ **parties**, verse 3

Paul's case study in verse 2 can be considered in two steps:

#1. Understand how we get \_\_\_\_\_, verses 2, 3

**(Romans 12:4-5)** "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, {5} so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."

**(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)** "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. {5} There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. {6} And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. {7} But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:"

**(James 4:1-2)** "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? {2} You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. ..."



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#2. Find the right \_\_\_\_\_, verses 2, 2:2-8

**(Romans 12:16)** "Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."

**(Romans 15:5)** "Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,"

**(2 Corinthians 13:11)** "Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."

I DON'T KNOW WHY HE LISTED ME FIRST, SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED IT!

