

# Conference Objectives

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I. Introduction.

II. Objectives.

A. Unity.

1. This is a genuine unity in Jesus Christ.
2. It is not superficial.
3. It comes from talking with one another. (Malachi 3:16)
4. It comes through praying together.

B. Encouragement.

C. Godliness.

1. Many Christian circles have shortcuts to godliness that do not work.
2. Holiness involves suffering.
3. There is nothing in the world more practical than godliness.

D. Missions.

VI. Areas to prepare us in life. (John 15)

A. A forgiving spirit. (II Corinthians 2:10-11)

1. We are involved in spiritual warfare.
2. An unforgiving spirit is an open door to the devil. (Ephesians 4)
3. Communicate love. (Luke 15)
4. God does not remember our sins. (Isaiah 43:25)

B. A load lifting spirit. (Galatians 6:2)

1. Do...

- a. Be a good listener.
- b. Be honestly prayerful.
- c. Give Scriptural counsel if asked.
- d. Offer help if it seems appropriate.

2. Do not...

- a. Be nosy.
- b. Compare problems.
- c. Envy those who have problems. God wants us to surrender our sense of justice and fairness.
- d. Feel guilty if you do not have any problems.

C. A joyful spirit. (Philippians 4:4)

- 1. Joy is an act of the will.
- 2. Your joy will minister to others.

**Application questions:**

1. What principles do you think are most helpful for encouraging others in the body of Christ?

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2. Why does an unforgiving spirit open one up to the devil's work? Explain.

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3. What does it look like in your life to be a load lifting spirit to others? Explain.

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