

A MATURE MENTALITY

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Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

— Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE

HOOK

 Start the conversation by asking...

Sometimes the mature thing to do is walk away from the fight.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

We can be united even if we don't agree about everything. What are some things you have agreed to disagree about with friends?

LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Constantly striving for unity is a big part of maturity.
- We need to be mature enough to know that not all fights are worth the division, especially among people who all follow Christ.
- And yet, quarrels and division seem inevitable. How can we maintain unity as Christians?
- Unity requires effort!
- Unity happens when we build each other up.
- Unity happens when we focus on God rather than on what divides us.
- Humility, gentleness, and patience are crucial for walking in unity.
- We are united in our mission: To proclaim Jesus.
- We are united because we love one another with God's love.
- Ultimately, we can be united because we have one God.

PAUSE



Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- What are some values that you consider non-negotiable? What are some issues that you have put aside for the sake of unity?
- Are there certain matters that you noticed cause division among people in the church? What are some ways that these matters could be addressed?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray for yourself and your local church, that you will begin to focus more on God and less on the things that divide you.
- Pray for God's wisdom to know which issues are worth fighting for and which are worth putting aside.

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**12 . . . so that the body of Christ
may be built up ¹³ until we all reach
unity in the faith and in the
knowledge of the Son of God and
become mature . . .**

— Ephesians 4:12–13 (NIV)