



## Part 4—Accept One Another

*“May God, who gives us patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for the followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together in giving God praise and glory... **Therefore, accept one another just as Christ has accepted you** so that God can be glorified. Romans 15:5-7*

**What are some of the things that divide you from other people?**

**How do you respond to people who are “different” from you?**



## Some Keys to Unlocking the Ability to “Accept One Another”

### 1. Reserve Judgement

*“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:14*

To whom did Jesus often direct his harshest comments?

*“A house divided against itself cannot stand” Mark 3:25*



### 2. Seek to listen really listen

*“The most important statement in bridge building is this, ‘help me understand what it’s like to be you.’” Minister Raleigh Washington*

*“All of you should be of one mind (in agreement/living in harmony). Sympathize with each other, be kind and humble” I Pet. 3:8*

### 3. Tone it down

*“Such people are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversy and quarrels that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, suspicion, and constant friction...they think godliness is a way to financial gain.” I Tim 6:4-5*

*“Why must we put down one thing to elevate another” Gioveni Mauro*

*“If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies.” I Peter 3:10*