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I. UNITY



Unity

- Unity with humility
- Unity that connects
- Unity in Christ

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A vibrant sunset scene with a glowing cross in the sky and a field of wildflowers in the foreground. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is setting behind a range of mountains. The foreground is a lush field of white daisies, purple flowers, and yellow wildflowers. A bright, glowing cross is centered in the sky, with rays of light emanating from it. The word "FAITH" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the image, with "II." above it.

II. FAITH

Encouragement and support

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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The image depicts a fantastical library setting. In the center, an open book rests on a stack of several other books. A brilliant, golden light radiates from the open book, creating a powerful beam that extends upwards. The background is a deep blue sky filled with soft, golden clouds. Numerous glowing, golden geometric shapes, including polyhedrons, stars, and molecular-like structures, float throughout the scene. On either side of the central light, tall bookshelves are filled with books, their spines catching the ambient light. The overall atmosphere is one of wonder, knowledge, and magical energy.

III.

KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge

Transliteration: epiginóskó

epí, "on, fitting" which intensifies */ginōskō*, "know through personal relationship") – properly, *apt, experiential* knowing, *through direct relationship*

**“Ministry with Christ
requires personal
relationship with Him”**

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A scenic autumn landscape. On the left, a large, ancient tree with thick, gnarled roots and dense foliage of golden-yellow leaves stands prominently. A dirt path, covered in fallen yellow leaves, leads from the bottom left towards the center of the image. To the left of the path, near the base of the large tree, is a simple wooden bench. The path leads into a valley filled with rolling hills and fields of tall, golden grass. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a dramatic sky filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by yellows, oranges, and browns.

IV. MATURED

Maturity

1. **Emotional maturity**

criticism, conflict, and pressure with patience and self-control.

2. **Spiritual maturity**

God's Word, prayer, and obedience.

3. **Character maturity**

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Conclusion



dreamstime

Ephesians 4:15-16

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2 Corinthians 5:18

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of **reconciliation**:



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Work with
Love

For God is
Love

Ministry without
Love

is a ministry
without Jesus.



Ministry without *Jesus*

becomes
self-serving.



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