

## Handling Differences

*Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure.*

**2 Corinthians 13:11**

**Live in harmony.** God wants us to get along. Healing comes when we accept each other's differences. Healing and refreshment bring us together as a community.

**Proverbs 17:14** says *“The start of a quarrel is like a leak in a dam, so stop it before it bursts.”*

***Arguing over differences of opinion usually does more harm than good.*** Talking about our differences can become part of the solution, Too often we keep things to ourselves that should be shared to clear the air.

**1 Corinthians 1:10** says *“You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.”*

**God brings to recovery people from all walks of life.** He unites them through the Holy Spirit. Disagreement in life will come. The way to combat them is to talk them out.

Progress in rebuilding relationships is usually a result of settling differences. If we all thought and acted the same all the time there would be no *‘Spiritual Growth’*

**Prayer:** Just for today let me get along with those you put on my path. Help me to understand their differences and talk about what bothers me.