



SERMON NOTES

STAYING TOGETHER

THE CHALLENGE TO UNITY

I. WHAT ARE THE FACTS OF DIFFICULT PEOPLE?

All of us are difficult.

Some of us are more difficult than others.

A few of us threaten our unity.

II. WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF DIFFICULT PEOPLE?

They attack the messenger. 2 Cor 10:10, 12, 11:7

They undermine the message. 2 Cor 11:4

They turn on each other. 1 Cor 1-4

They hurt the credibility of God's people. 1 Cor 14:25, 6:6, 14:23

III. AND SO, WHY STAY WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE?

Stay because you are **humble**. 2 Cor 12:11

Stay because you are **confident**. 2 Cor 12:11

Stay because you are **decisive**. 2 Cor 12:13

Stay because you are **forgiving**. 2 Cor 12:14

Stay because you are a **servant**. 2 Cor 12:15

Stay because of your **integrity**. 2 Cor 12:16-17

Stay because you are **a model**. 2 Cor 12:18

LIVING THE MESSAGE

When people are difficult...

... **don't quit**.

... **don't retaliate**.

... **respond in love**.

... **remember, people are watching**.