



UNITY: THE FORGOTTEN TREASURE

ETC Course Handout - Lesson 23

Unity and Leadership Training

Course Section	Section 3 - A Unifying Analysis of Our Doctrines
Book Connection	Chapter 20 - Unity and Leadership Training
Lesson Aim	Reconsider how Christian leaders are trained so that education strengthens the whole body instead of reinforcing denominational walls.

Key Scriptures

Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 2:2; John 17:20-23; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.

1. Unity as the Backbone of Training

- Leadership training does more than transfer information; it forms loyalties, methods, and attitudes.
- If unity is biblical truth, it should shape the goals and structure of Christian training.

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2. Training Can Reinforce Walls

- Schools and ministries can unintentionally teach students to define faithfulness by distance from other Christian groups.
- A defensive educational culture can reproduce disunity for another generation.

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THINK ABOUT IT

What loyalties are being formed in Christian training besides loyalty to Christ and Scripture?

3. Two Looming Questions

- What are we training leaders to become, and whom are we training them to serve?
- If the answer is Christ and His whole church, our training priorities must reflect that.

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4. Advancement in Training

- Training should develop Bible-handling skill, Gospel clarity, Christlike character, humility, and the ability to engage believers across real differences.

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5. Leaders Who Equip the Body

- Ephesians 4 describes leaders equipping the saints toward maturity and the building up of the body, not merely preserving an institution.

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Study & Application

Use these after the lesson and related book reading. The complete chapter study-question set remains in the textbook.

1. How can leadership training unintentionally reproduce church division?

2. What should be the central goals of training Christian leaders?

3. How does Ephesians 4:11-16 connect leadership with the building up of one body?

4. What skill should future leaders learn for handling doctrinal differences without creating unnecessary walls?

KEY TAKEAWAY: Training serves Christ best when it equips leaders to build up His whole body in truth, maturity, humility, and love.

Next: Complete the 7-question Lesson 23 online quiz.