

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 85 and over has increased from 1.5 million to 2.5 million in the same period.

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of the elderly population, and the need to ensure that the elderly are able to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the development of home care services, and the establishment of the Department of Health's 'Age Concern' programme.

The 'Age Concern' programme is a national initiative aimed at improving the lives of the elderly. It is a partnership between the Department of Health, local authorities, and voluntary organisations. The programme has a number of key objectives, including:

• To ensure that the elderly are able to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

• To provide a range of services to meet the needs of the elderly, including home care, day care, and residential care.

• To promote the independence and well-being of the elderly.

The 'Age Concern' programme has a number of key components, including:

- Home care services: These services are provided to elderly people who are unable to live independently in their own homes. They can include help with personal care, housework, and shopping.
- Day care services: These services provide a safe and stimulating environment for elderly people to spend their days. They can include activities, meals, and social interaction.
- Residential care services: These services provide a safe and secure environment for elderly people who are unable to live independently in their own homes. They can include care homes and nursing homes.

The 'Age Concern' programme has a number of key achievements, including:

- The development of a national network of home care services.
- The establishment of a number of day care centres.
- The provision of a range of other services, including advice and support, and the development of a number of voluntary organisations.

The 'Age Concern' programme has a number of key challenges, including:

- The need to ensure that services are available to all elderly people who need them.
- The need to ensure that services are of high quality.
- The need to ensure that services are sustainable in the long term.

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## The Letter to the Ephesian Church:

- The Foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ!
  - Chapters 1-3 **The Church “IS”**
- The Purpose of the Church is to demonstrate to the world God’s grace & mercy in Jesus.
  - **Chapter 3:10** (*hinge point of letter*)
- This Purpose will be accomplished when the old values & habits of Jesus Followers are replaced by something new and radical.
  - Chapters 4-6 **The Church “DOES”**

## Message in a Sentence:

*God's going fishing . . .  
 . . . and His Church is the bait!*

Every Church must ask the question:

*Is God catching anything with us?*

. . . this is where Paul now turns his attention for the rest of his letter!

# *‘Doing Church’*

*... The Lifestyle of God’s People.*

## Key to Remember:

God’s Church is irresistible when we demonstrate to people what they are longing for, but simply cannot find.

- When we do this, we are announcing the Kingdom of God to them!

## Demonstration #1: Living in unity together

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received . . . . Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Eph 4:1 & 3)*

1. Our unity reflects God's unity.
2. Our unity acknowledges that Jesus is Lord.
3. Our diversity reflects God's diversity.
4. Our leadership reflects those who:
  - God has gifted and called to lead
  - Act as servants, knowing what success is.

*We Need More A.P.E. s in the church today!!*



## **Demonstration #2: Practicing Harmony**

*<sup>17</sup>So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking . . .*

*<sup>22</sup>You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self . . . <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

## **Harmony is created when:**

### **1. I speak the truth (v. 25)**

*What this adds up to, then, is no more lies, no more pretence. Tell your neighbour the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.*

## **Harmony is created when:**

**2. I deal with my anger – quickly & appropriately (v.v. 26-27)**

*Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry – but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to be angry. Don't give the devil that kind of foothold in your life.*

## **Harmony is created when:**

**3. I commit to being a Giver instead of a Taker.**

**(v. 28)**

*Did you used to make ends meet by stealing?  
Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can  
help others who can't work.*

## **Harmony is created when:**

4. I build up the people around me. (v. 29)

*Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty  
come out of your mouth. Say only what helps –  
each word a gift.*

## Harmony is created when:

### 5. I cause the Holy Spirit to rejoice! (v.v. 30-32)

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

- *Get rid of all:*
  - *bitterness*
  - *rage & anger*
  - *brawling & slander*
  - *malice*
- *Be kind & compassionate to one another*
- *Forgive each other, as God has forgiven you in Jesus Christ.*

# Test Question for Harmony:

*Am I my Father's Child?*

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved  
children . . .

Ephesians 5:1

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records in a business setting. It highlights how proper record-keeping can help in decision-making, legal compliance, and financial management. The text emphasizes that records should be organized, up-to-date, and easily accessible.

Next, the document addresses the challenges of data management in the digital age. It notes that while digital storage offers convenience, it also introduces risks such as data loss, security breaches, and information overload. Solutions like cloud storage, encryption, and regular backups are suggested to mitigate these risks.

The third section focuses on the role of technology in streamlining business processes. It describes how automation and software tools can reduce manual errors, save time, and improve overall efficiency. Examples include using accounting software for invoicing and project management tools for task delegation.

Finally, the document concludes by stressing the importance of employee training and awareness. It suggests that regular training sessions can help employees understand the value of data and the correct procedures for handling information. This, in turn, leads to a more professional and data-driven organization.

