

# EPHESIANS

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# ***DIVERSITY STRENGTHENS UNITY***

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- **Giving us diverse gifts is part of Jesus' role as head of the Church.**

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## **Hebrews 13:17**

<sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

## **James 3:1**

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