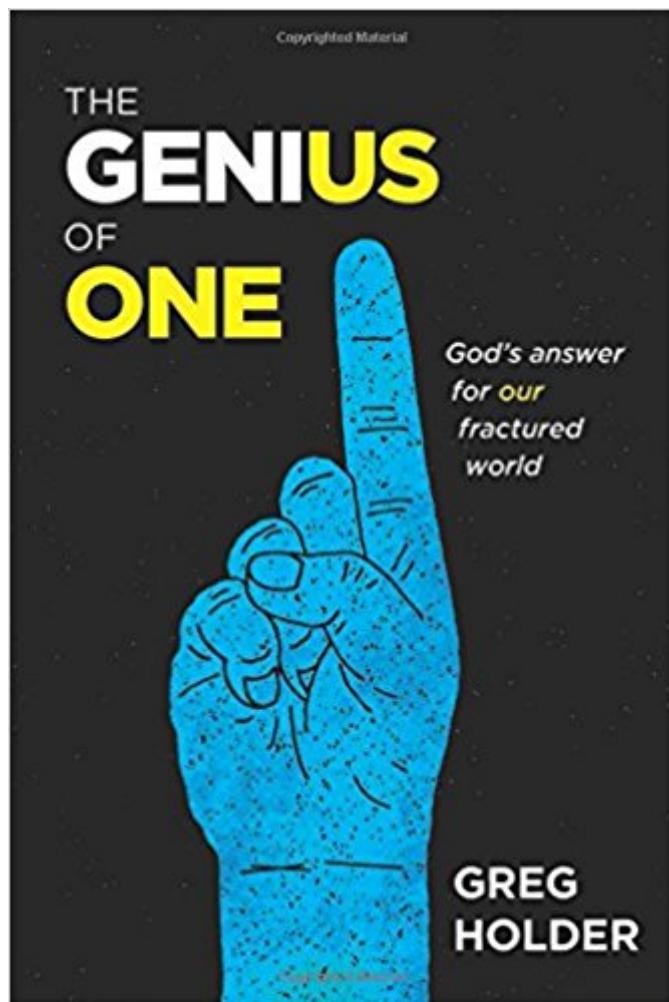


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# The Genius Of One: God's Answer For Our Fractured World



## Synopsis

The world is fractured. Tensions are high, patience is low, and goodwill is hard to come by. In *The Genius of One*, author and pastor Greg Holder reminds us of the high value Jesus and his early followers placed on community and offers guidance for how to see and relate to one another in emotionally and spiritually healthy ways so that we, the church, can fulfill Jesus' prayer for us and model a better way of loving one another in a fractured world. Tracing back to a prayer Jesus prayed on the worst night of his life, "That they would be one," Holder takes his readers on a winding journey from that glorious prayer to the practical realities of everyday life. For those who cling to the hope that God is still at work, this book will both stir a deeper longing for a better way and provide practical steps toward that way.

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A rare book and a rare author. In teaching, who combines insight into Scripture that goes beyond commentary, a flair for the narrative, humor that's funny and not merely amusing, and illustrations that illuminate instead of reiterate? This guy's Greg Holder that's who. *The Genius of One* is a profound unpacking of a profound thesis—everything worth anything in this world is rooted in the oneness of God. Do we know this? Did we know this and then forget? I'm not sure, but I've never seen it as clearly as I do now. Thanks, Greg. This book is a gem. (Rick James, Publisher of CruPress and author of *Watch and A Million Ways to Die*) Perhaps the one thing that most hinders the

world-changing mission of the church is its lack of unity. Jesus prayed in John 17 that his church would be “one” so that the world would believe that God had sent him. In *The Genius of One*, you’ll enjoy Greg’s humor and his humility, but your greatest takeaway will be how your influence and leadership in embracing our oneness in Christ is the first step toward changing the world. (Richard Stearns, President of World Vision US)Greg Holder is a trusted guide to lead you on a journey to discover God’s heart for unity. His instructive encouragement is impeccable. In our divided culture, I can’t imagine a more timely and critical message. (Gabe Lyons, President of Q Ideas)The Genius of One is a cynic buster. For more than forty years I have been involved in Kingdom matters, and I have suffered enough fools and my own foolishness to guffaw when I consider unity in the body of Christ. I love Greg and respect him enormously, but a book on what it means to be one in the church seemed as unlikely as seventy is the new fifty. His playful, hilarious, heartfelt, theologically profound invitation to risk humbly for unity is a clarion call in a world as fractured and toxic as ours. This compelling book will help you celebrate Jesus’ call to reveal him by the way we relate. (Dan B. Allender, PhD, Professor of counseling psychology)Greg Holder has written a clear and vivid piece on how we can actually attain peace through *The Genius of One*. This book not only envisions the possibilities of what we are called to be as one body; it also gives us colorful pictures and the practical nuts and bolts of how we can be the answer to Jesus’ prayer of true oneness. (Dr. David A. Anderson, Author of *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion*)*The Genius of One* is a practitioner’s handbook for how businesses, churches, and individuals can achieve more together than apart. Saturated with wisdom, humility, and lived experience, Holder offers one of the most gritty, earthy, and practical books on how believers can live out their common unity with God and one another in light of our many differences. (Dave Hickman, Author of *Closer Than Close*)

Everything meaningful begins with oneIn a fractured and on-edge world, there are some who are called to unity. Unity is not always easy or intuitive. It is simply a better way. Unity is how God still gets things done on earth, tracing back to the prayer Jesus prayed on the worst night of his life: that we would be one.In *The Genius of One*, author and pastor Greg Holder takes his readers on a journey from that glorious prayer of Jesus, past the debates and divisions that isolate Christians, and into the reality of a church united under God for the sake of the world. For those who cling to the hope that God is still at work, this book will both stir a deeper longing for unity and provide practical steps toward that path.

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