

What If We All Could Get Along?

- I. The Proper Perspective: What are you FOCUSING on? (Chapter 1)
- II. The Proper Philosophy: Who are you THINKING about (Chapter 2)

A. The Pleading: The last wishes of a (possibly) dying man...Think this way (2:2a)...

Fulfill my joy... (2:2a)

- 1. Paul's _____ request, could you guys all get along?...
 - Our heavenly Father's request (John 13:34-35)
- 2. The present _____ in the Philippian Church
 - Persecution from without (1:27-30)
 - Dis-unity from within (4:1-3)

B. The Persuasion: Why should we be united (2:1)

The Motivational use of IF...THEN...

- 1. _____ in Christ.
 - We have God as our great comforter (2Thess. 2:16)
 - We can also receive encouragement from other believers (Philemon 7)
 - What suffering have you experienced that you could encourage others through?
- 2. _____ of Love
 - What kind of love?
 - What is God's plan for you (Jer. 29:11)
- 3. _____ of the Spirit
 - Walking in or being filled with the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16, Eph. 5:18)
 - Because of our relationship to God we have a relationship with other believers
- 4. _____ and _____ we have received
 - God is compassionate and willing to forgive us
 - Are you willing to forgive up to 70x7=490 times (Matt. 18:33)

*Turn your attention away from what THEY did to you to what JESUS did FOR you.

C. The Platform: How is this even possible? (2:2b)

By being like-minded, have the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (2:2b)

1. The same _____, which is not a feeling, but a choice

- Agape: Self-sacrificing
- Have fervent love for one another (1Peter 4:8)

2. Being of one _____, meaning being united in spirit

- Being part of the family (Romans 12)

3. Being of one _____, or way of thinking

- Unity in our thinking, diversity in our function (Romans 12:5-6)
- Is your mind being conformed to the world or transformed by the Word?

D. The Principles: Where do I even start? (2:3-4)

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition

1. Attack the root of the problem:, The problem with _____ is _____

- The question we ask when we are being selfish is...
- Where is the victory found? (Gal. 2:20)

Let each of you look out not only for your own interests, but also for the interests of others. (2:4)

2. Ask how can I help, don't JUST _____ your _____ business

- Who has God been placing on your heart to reach out to?

3. Don't be _____, or serving for self glory

- A conceited attitude is always wanting people to look at ME
- Let him who glories, glory in the Lord (Jer. 9:23-24)
- Where do I need to change my motives?

4. Think _____: esteem or consider others better than yourselves..

- Not too High, not too low...Its not about me (Rom. 12:3)

* Love one another: Do unto others, as CHRIST has already done for you