

The Good Church Fight

Phil. 4:1-3

I. The Pattern to Follow

A. Obvious questions

1. What is the “_____” there for?
2. In what way is “in this_____”?

B. Observing the pattern – 3:17

1. Example of the _____ - “Those who walk” – 3:17
2. Example of the _____ - “Have this attitude...Let us keep living” – 3:15-16
3. Example of the _____ – (_____) “Kindred spirit...concerned...for the interests of Christ” – 2:20-21; (_____) – 2:30
4. Example of _____ – 2:5-8

C. Obvious principle – humble _____ to the Father in being _____ for _____ - “with humility of mind, regard one another as more important than yourselves...looking out for the interests of others.” – 2:3-4

II. The Purpose to Fulfill – humble submission brings obedient unity – 2:1-9

A. What we are to focus on – “striving together for the faith of the gospel” – 1:27

1. Our motivation – 2:1; *The “if” clauses, being translations of first-class conditions in Greek, speak of certainties. So in this passage “if” may be translated “since.” Paul wrote here about realities, not questionable things.*¹

- a. Our _____ in Christ – 2:1
- b. Our _____ of love
- c. Our _____ of Spirit
- d. Our _____
- e. Our _____

2. Our mission – 2:3-4

¹ Robert P. Lightner, “[Philippians](#),” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 653.

- a. To be of the same _____ – phroneo – “intention” (2:2);
“attitude” (2:5; 3:15); “set their minds” / “mindset” (3:19); “concern” (4:19);
“harmony” (4:2)
- b. To maintain the same _____ – agape / unconditional
compassionate love
- c. To be united in _____ – sympsychos – same-souled;
symphonia – same-sound
- d. To be intent on one _____ – “striving together for the
faith of the gospel” – 1:27

B. How Euodia and Syntyche failed – 4:2; 2:3-4

1. They were doing things in _____ – for ambition,
selfish gain = “work as a day-laborer,” for daily hire.
2. They were doing things in _____ –
pride which is without basis or justification.
3. They were looking out for their own _____
– above all others

III. The People to Fight For

A. Who we fight for

1. Those who _____
2. Those who _____ each other – Euodia =
“_____ journey”; Syntyche = “_____ acquaintance”.
3. Those who strive _____ for the faith

B. How we fight

1. Let the _____ and the _____ Examine you – Phil. 4:2;
2Co. 13:5; Psa. 139:23-24
2. Address _____ personal issues – Phil 4:2; Mt. 5:23-24; Ro. 12:16-21
3. _____ in reconciliation – Phil. 4:3; Ro. 15:14-15
4. Give _____ to the Lord – Phil. 4:3; Jas. 1:19-20; Eph. 4:25-27
5. “In this _____,” Stand firm – Phil. 4:1; Ro. 12:16-21; 1Pe. 3:8-9;
“**Humble obedience to the Lord in being concerned for others**” – **Phil. 2:3-4**