

Grow. Give. Go.

“FINDING YOUR PLACE: TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL”

PART 4

“SERVING TOGETHER... IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE GOSPEL”

“Side by Side: Fruitful Labor in the Face of Adversity!”

(Philippians 1:22-30)

INTRODUCTION:

“...if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me...”

—Philippians 1:22a

LAST WEEK: THE FRAGILITY OF FELLOWSHIP (2:1-11)

- The **unity** and **harmony** that are necessary for both **community** and effective **ministry** is only achieved through a spirit of **humility**.
- If we are going to **live** in a manner worthy of the gospel (1:27), then we must also **think** in a manner worthy of the gospel.
- If we are going to fulfill Paul's **plea** for genuine unity and harmony, then we must follow Christ's **pattern** of true humility, and embrace and develop...
 - ...a **Selfless** Mind: Do **nothing** out of **Selfish Ambition**.
 - ...a **Servant** Mind: Do **everything** with **Christ's Attitude**.

1A. WHAT PAUL WAS _____ (1:22-26)

1B. Paul's _____ and _____: (v. 22-23)

*“But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and **I do not know which to choose**. But **I am hard-pressed from both directions**, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.”*

2B. The Lord's _____ and _____ (v. 24-25)

*“**Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith**, so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.*

2A. WHAT PAUL WAS _____... (1:27-30)

1B. ...that _____ Conflict might _____ them. (v. 27)

“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel...”

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2B. ...that _____ Conflict might _____ them. (v. 28-30)

“...in no way alarmed by your opponents – which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.”

LIVING WITH PURPOSE...

1. ...that _____ might be _____. (1:12-21)

2. ...that the _____ might be _____. (1:22-26)

3. ...that the _____ might be _____. (1:27-30)