

# No One Like-Minded

## *Philippians 2:12-30*

Welcome back and here we go! Once again, we are back to visit one of the main themes in Philippians ----- being like-minded, or not. It is interesting because we all are told to have the mind of Christ just a few verses earlier and let's not forget we are to be lights in a.....

### ***Philippians 2:12-30***

- 1) Why would Paul say he has no one like-minded?

You know it is difficult to be lights if we are not in agreement. Paul is pointing out over and over that the church ----- the people, should be in agreement.

***Philippians 4:2-3 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.***

Paul addresses an open feud.... Again, not like-minded. Yet clearly it is possible to be like-minded. It is a goal.

- 2) Is being like-minded and having the same ideas the same thing? Why?

Already in *Philippians 1:27, 2:1-4* ----- 3 times, *2:5* ----- Mind of Christ

Yet, in ***Philippians 2:20-21***, Paul says.... ***“For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. <sup>21</sup> For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.”***

Some say it is to build up Timothy's character as he was a Gentile. But not just any Gentile. He took over as Pastor at Ephesus where Paul was Pastor for over two years. So yes, Paul turns his church over to Timothy ----- ***“No one like-minded”***. It kind of makes sense. No one cares for the business or works harder than the owner of a business.

- 3) What makes people difficult?

I don't know how many of us are honest here. I wonder how much of this is our mental attitude. God loves a *“cheerful giver”*..... GRACE. We are to give grace. If we are stumbling over each other to give grace... well, grace will abound. How amazing would that be!

**Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?**

Not that sin should abound but rather an attitude of grace should abound.

Paul said, “**for all seek their own**”. He was talking about believers, and Paul knew some mature believers.

4) What does it mean “to seek your own”?

To seek your own is not necessarily malicious. It can simply mean, *I will certainly look out for me first*. And before you deny it, remember all you have. This is not a guilt trip. This is an honest trip. Paul, like Jesus, like Timothy, left every thing to follow Him.

Most humans are looking to be secure. Security comes in many forms. Human security. The more we have, generally, the more secure we feel. It is the human condition. Yet believers are still to be like-minded. The switch comes when we truly lay down our lives and trust. God gives even more. But we need to have the mind of Christ. “**Let this mind be in you....**”

5) Name one verse you think would help you today:

All of our solutions are in the bible. All of **Chapter 2** lays out this road map of how to be like-minded. Just **2:15** is enough. Back to our lesson three weeks ago. Same love ----- one accord --  
----- esteem others.

6) What do you need to change in yourself to be more like-minded?

Remember, work out your own salvation. You are a work in progress. I just want to know where you are working.

**Next week – NO STUDY – taking a week off.**