

Review

1. Reasons to have oneness

- a. Consolation in Christ
- b. Comfort of love
- c. Fellowship of the Spirit
- d. Affection
- e. Mercy

2. Exhortation to have oneness

- a. Same mind
- b. Same love
- c. Same spirit
- d. One mind

Problems that affect our state of oneness

- 1. They can displace our oneness
- 2. Reveals that our oneness can be affected...hurt adversely
- 3. They have to be addressed

Types of problems

1. The problem of selfish ambition

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” Phil 2:3

- a. ἐριθείαν ... eritheia... contention, strife...ambition
- b. There are those who have their own selfish ambition
- i. Strife as a result of ambition

- ii. Placing personal ambition above others

“Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;” Phil 1:15, 16

- c. Nothing should be according to selfish ambition
- d. Neither should there be conceit
- i. κενοδοξίαν... kenodoxia..empty glory...vain glory
- ii. There should not be any pride at all

- e. The challenge to have lowliness of mind
 - i. Addressing the problem of selfish ambition with lowliness of mind
 - ii. The need for deep humility
 - iii. ταπεινοφροσύνη ... tapeinophrosune...humility of mind, lowliness of mind
 - iv. There should be lowliness of thinking
- f. The challenge to regard another above ourselves
 - i. The practice of having lowliness of mind is to esteem others better than yourself
 - ii. It is to have a high regard for others
 - iii. ὑπερέχοντας ... huperecho... to hold one above
 - iv. To hold or esteem a person above us
- v. The use of the present

2. The problem of looking out for our interest only

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”
Phil 2:4

- a. Looking out for ourselves
 - i. σκοπεῖτε ... skopeo ... take aim, look out
 - ii. Use of the imperative
 - iii. Not to look out only for our own things...interest
- c. Looking out also for the interest of another
 - i. ἑτέρων ... heteros...another
 - ii. We need to go beyond our own interest