**An Outline of Philippians**

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*\*Introduction – 1:1–2*

1. A Gospel Mindset (1:3–30)
2. A commitment to partnership in the gospel (1:3–11)
3. Continual thanksgiving (3)
4. Joyful prayer (4–5)
5. Settled commitment (6–8)
6. Focused intercession (9–11)
	1. What we should pray for our partners (9)
	2. Why se should pray this for our partners (10–11)
7. A commitment to the furtherance of the gospel (1:12–26)
8. Through affliction (12–18a)
9. Through death (18b–21)
10. Through life (22–26)
11. A commitment to worthy living in the gospel (1:27–30)
12. The command to live worthy of the gospel (27a–28a)
13. The implications of living worthy of the gospel (28b–30)
14. A Unified Mindset (2:1–30)
15. Humility is essential for unity (2:1–11).
16. The importance of a humble mindset (1–4)
17. An illustration of a humble mindset (5–11)
18. The descent: stepping down (6–8)
	* 1. Divine status (6)
		2. Slave status (7)
		3. No status (8)
19. The exaltation: lifting up (9–11)
20. Selflessness is essential for unity (2:12–30).
21. The need for a selfless mindset (12–18)
22. Illustrations of a selfless mindset (19–30)
23. Timothy (19–24)
24. Epaphroditus (25–30)
25. A Christ-Centered Mindset (3:1–4:7)
26. Two ways people respond to Christ (3:1–4:1).
27. Right and wrong approaches to Christ: Paul’s opponents replace Christ with their own works while genuine believers boast in Jesus (3:1–7).
28. Further description of the right approach to Christ: Paul never stops pushing for more knowledge of Christ (3:8–4:1).
29. Driving obsession (8–11)
30. Unrelenting determination (12–14)
31. Subtle encouragement (15–16)
32. Final admonitions (17–4:1)
33. Two exhortations concerning a Christ-centered mindset (4:2–7)
34. Concerning a dispute (2–3)
35. Concerning our disposition (4–7)
36. A Genuine Mindset (4:8–9)
37. Genuine Christian character involves internal focus (4:8).
38. Genuine Christian character includes external obedience (4:9).
39. A Caring Mindset (4:10–20)
40. Notice Paul’s attitude (4:10–13)
41. Initial recognition: I am thankful for your renewed concern for me (10).
42. Immediate disclaimer: I am not dependent on others’ financial gifts (11–13).
43. Notice the Philippians’ attitude (4:14–20)
44. Initial recognition: Your gifts to me reveal our partnership (14–16)
45. Immediate disclaimers (17–20)
46. I do not want your money; I want you to be credited with spiritual fruit (17).
47. I am paid in full (18–20)

*\*Conclusion – 4:21–23*