

An Outline of Philippians

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**Introduction – 1:1–2*

- I. A Gospel Mindset (1:3–30)
 - A. A commitment to partnership in the gospel (1:3–11)
 - 1. Continual thanksgiving (3)
 - 2. Joyful prayer (4–5)
 - 3. Settled commitment (6–8)
 - 4. Focused intercession (9–11)
 - a. What we should pray for our partners (9)
 - b. Why we should pray this for our partners (10–11)
 - B. A commitment to the furtherance of the gospel (1:12–26)
 - 1. Through affliction (12–18a)
 - 2. Through death (18b–21)
 - 3. Through life (22–26)
 - C. A commitment to worthy living in the gospel (1:27–30)
 - 1. The command to live worthy of the gospel (27a–28a)
 - 2. The implications of living worthy of the gospel (28b–30)
- II. A Unified Mindset (2:1–30)
 - A. Humility is essential for unity (2:1–11).
 - 1. The importance of a humble mindset (1–4)
 - 2. An illustration of a humble mindset (5–11)
 - a. The descent: stepping down (6–8)
 - 1) Divine status (6)
 - 2) Slave status (7)
 - 3) No status (8)
 - b. The exaltation: lifting up (9–11)
 - B. Selflessness is essential for unity (2:12–30).
 - 1. The need for a selfless mindset (12–18)
 - 2. Illustrations of a selfless mindset (19–30)
 - a. Timothy (19–24)
 - b. Epaphroditus (25–30)
- III. A Christ-Centered Mindset (3:1–4:7)
 - A. Two ways people respond to Christ (3:1–4:1).
 - 1. Right and wrong approaches to Christ: Paul’s opponents replace Christ with their own works while genuine believers boast in Jesus (3:1–7).
 - 2. Further description of the right approach to Christ: Paul never stops pushing for more knowledge of Christ (3:8–4:1).
 - a. Driving obsession (8–11)
 - b. Unrelenting determination (12–14)
 - c. Subtle encouragement (15–16)
 - d. Final admonitions (17–4:1)



- B. Two exhortations concerning a Christ-centered mindset (4:2–7)
 - 1. Concerning a dispute (2–3)
 - 2. Concerning our disposition (4–7)
- IV. A Genuine Mindset (4:8–9)
 - A. Genuine Christian character involves internal focus (4:8).
 - B. Genuine Christian character includes external obedience (4:9).
- V. A Caring Mindset (4:10–20)
 - A. Notice Paul’s attitude (4:10–13)
 - 1. Initial recognition: I am thankful for your renewed concern for me (10).
 - 2. Immediate disclaimer: I am not dependent on others’ financial gifts (11–13).
 - B. Notice the Philippians’ attitude (4:14–20)
 - 1. Initial recognition: Your gifts to me reveal our partnership (14–16)
 - 2. Immediate disclaimers (17–20)
 - a. I do not want your money; I want you to be credited with spiritual fruit (17).
 - b. I am paid in full (18–20)

**Conclusion – 4:21–23*

