

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: Mastermind

Week 4: A Radical Re-Arrangement

- ① EVERY STEP TOWARD GODLINESS AND EVERY STEP TOWARD SIN BEGINS WITH A THOUGHT
- ② DISTORTED WORSHIP LEADS TO DISTORTED THINKING WHICH LEADS TO DISTORTED PASSIONS WHICH LEADS TO DISTORTED LIVING.
- ③ THERE'S A BATTLE THAT TAKES PLACE IN THE MIND AND AS WE BECOME A LIVING SACRIFICE TO GOD, OUR LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED INTO HIS WILL.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

Issue...It so easy allow our thinking to put ourselves in the center of the universe where everything revolves around us.

Disunity among Christ-followers & **Self-Centered Thinking** is **Devastating to the Gospel Message** ... undermines what the Church is trying to communicate.

JOHN 13:35

2:1— *sharing*—is the Greek word *koinónia*—meaning fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, contact, common ground

If there is called in Greek, a first condition word or a first-class conditional word. The word *if* there is not speculative. Means: **Since or Because**. [Because] **you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, ...** [Because] **any comfort from his love, ...** [Because] **any common *sharing in the Spirit***

2:2— Paul says: ***if God has given you all these things in Christ, would you also complete my joy, my joy of being like-minded and having the same love and being one in spirit and one in mind?***

There is a call in this passage 2xs to be ***like minded/one mind*** –to Think Alike. **TRUTH: WE HAVE TO THINK BIBLICALLY TOGETHER.**

What is the opposite of this? **verse 3 –selfish ambition and vain conceit.**

2:3a—***conceit*** in Greek is the word ***kenodoxia***. ***Doxia*** [doxology] simply means “glory”; ***keno*** [kenosis] means **an emptying out, or it is no longer there, it is absent.** **TRUTH: DO NOTHING OUT OF GLORY HUNGER.**

We are hungry for glory. We want to be important, to be recognized, to be consequential. What drives this? Glory Hunger. Conceit. Selfish ambitions. How then are we to think?

2:3b—This is a brand-new paradigm of thinking—learning to think unselfishly, without egotistical conceit is going to require one big thing: **Humility**

TRUTH: HUMILITY IS THE GREAT OPPOSITE OF A SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT. Paul said **ROMANS 1:14** He owed them.

2:4— *interests* is used 2X in verse 4. But in the Greek that word is not there. [Re-Read with blank.]

TRUTH: FIND YOUR JOY IN MAKING OTHERS JOYFUL

2:4 is a way of repeating Jesus' command in **Matthew 22:39**. It's easy when others think the same way as you. **What is difficult?** To put your interests below the interest of others when those others are your enemies, or they think radically different than you.

2:5— How can Christians walk through this life with this humble sense that that we owe others, not that people owe us? The answer is simply this: **Jesus loved** us and **died** for us, & **forgave** us, & **accepted** us, & **justified** us, & **gave** us eternal life, & **made** us **heirs** of His Father when **He owed us nothing**. He treated us as worthy of His service, even though we were not worthy of His service. Christ thought not only of his own interest but if yours.

TRUTH: JESUS COUNTED US AS GREATER THAN HIMSELF —that's the entire essence of Philippians 2

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-8

We have been freely served by Jesus. Therefore, it is so easy for us to freely serve others.