



# Chapter One

Joy in the Church

# Mindsets that contribute to Joy in the Church & the Ministry

Chapter 1 - Single Mind

Chapter 2 - Submitted Mind

Chapter 3 - Sharp Mind

Chapter 4 - Settle Mind

# Chapter 1: Single Mind

## ► (v3-6) Prayer - especially corporate

- Thanksgiving, intercession = start really looking for, hoping in & seeing what God is doing - this leads to peace(4:7)
- Matt. 5:44 - pray for enemies...changes me

## ► (v7-18) Fellowship of the **Gospel**

- Rom. 1:16 - power of God for salvation
- Common response to grace
- Have same investment goals

"[11] For the grace of God has appeared,  
bringing salvation for all people, [12]  
training us to renounce ungodliness and  
worldly passions, and to live self-  
controlled, upright, and godly lives in the  
present age, [13] waiting for our blessed  
hope, the appearing of the glory of our  
great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:11-14 | ESV

[14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

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- Paul saw chains as greater opportunity for him and saw how it inspired others
- Note: There were challenging realities to the fellowship of the Gospel
- (v19-20) Seeking the help of the Holy Spirit
  - Gives hope & courage
- (v21-24) Key: To Live is Christ, To die is gain
  - Helps us make sense of two realities we live between

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- ▶ (v25-30) What this looks like practically
  - "Convinced of this..." - makes a choice
  - Not serving self but others
  - "manner of life" changed
  - Standing firm in the truth, against sin
  - One mind - Not everyone doing as they see fit
  - Side by side

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- Courageously
- "Clear signs" = lights in a dark place
- Embrace Suffering - 2 Tim. 3:12-14
- All of us engaged in the spiritual battle

To Live is Christ

To Die is Gain