

I. Paul’s Introduction to the Philippians (1)

A. Paul lived humbly (1a) - “Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus...”

Though he was a mighty Apostle, he remained a servant.

B. Paul loved liberally (1b) - “...to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi...”

Mature & immature. Easy going & difficult. Wise & not-yet wise. Young & old.

C. Paul led strategically (1c) - “...with the overseers and deacons.”

Paul saw to it that every church he planted was organized with approved, qualified leadership and ministry teams

II. Paul’s Benediction over the Philippians (2)

A. The people could exhale (2a) - “Grace to you...”

B. The people could rejoice (2b) - “...and peace from God our Father...”

C. The people could hope (2c) - “...and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

III. Paul’s Affirmation of the Philippians (3-6)

A. As a spiritual father, Paul treasured the people (3) - “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...”

They lived lives that provoked Paul to gratitude. It was a 2-way street of valuing one another.

B. As a shepherd, Paul prayed for the people (4) - “...always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy...”

C. As a leader, Paul appreciated the people (5) - “...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

D. As a prophet, Paul built up the people (6) - “And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 14:1-4 - “Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. 2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. 3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. 4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.”