

LIKE-MINDED Unified in Thought, Purpose & Action

Philippians 2:2 (NKJV)

“Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

As believers, God calls us to something much deeper than simply agreeing with one another. He calls us to become **like-minded in Christ**—unified in thought, purpose and action.

That doesn't mean we become brainwashed or lose our individuality. It means that as each of us grows closer to Jesus, our thinking begins to align with **His thinking**.

THE MIND OF CHRIST Philippians 2:5

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

Our goal isn't simply to think alike. Our goal is to think like Christ.

If I am seeking Christ and you are seeking Christ, the Holy Spirit can bring us into unity—not because we are following each other, but because **we are following the same Lord**.

This becomes especially powerful in prayer.

When believers pray together, seek God's will together and remain grounded in His Word, God can bring clarity, confirmation and unity of purpose.

We become different parts of **one body**, working together toward the same purpose.

WHAT DOES LIKE-MINDED LOOK LIKE?

Philippians 2:3–4 “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Imagine a world where people actually lived this way:

- Less selfish ambition.

- Less pride and conceit.
- Genuine concern for others.
- Putting the needs of others alongside our own.
- Serving instead of demanding to be served.

Jesus demonstrated exactly that. Being like-minded isn't merely believing the same doctrine.

It produces the same kind of fruit.

THE WORLD IS WATCHING

Our unity becomes part of our testimony. Non-believers should be able to look at Christians and see something different: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness. Self-control.

They should see consistency between **what we believe and how we live.**

Jesus said: **Matthew 5:16**

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Our lives become evidence of the One we follow.

HOLD FAST TO THE WORD - Philippians 2:16 “Holding fast the word of life...”

How do we develop the mind of Christ?

We hold tightly to God's Word.

The Word corrects us.

The Word teaches us.

The Word exposes what is wrong in us.

The Word reveals God's character.

And ultimately, Scripture points us toward Jesus the Messiah.

This isn't a checklist, It's a lifestyle. Our faith should become our **“lifestyle brand”**—something recognizable in everything we do.

PAUL: FROM LAW TO CHRIST

Paul is the perfect person to teach this lesson.

He had been a Pharisee. He knew the Law. He had religious credentials, discipline and knowledge. Yet Paul eventually said: Philippians 3:8–9

“...that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.”

Paul discovered something life-changing:

Knowing the Law could never substitute for knowing the Messiah.

The Law reveals God's standard. > The Law exposes our sin. > Our sin reveals our need for salvation. > And God provided the Savior:

Jesus Christ—the Messiah. The Law cannot save us from our sin. Jesus can.

LAW → SIN → SAVIOR → FAITH → OBEDIENCE

The Law reveals God's holiness.

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The Law exposes our sin.

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Our sin reveals our need for a Savior.

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God gives us Jesus Christ.

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We receive salvation through faith.

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Our relationship with Christ produces obedience.

We don't obey God to become saved. We desire to obey God because we have been saved.

Jesus said: John 14:15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” Obedience becomes the fruit of our relationship, not the price of our salvation.

ONE BODY. ONE MIND. ONE PURPOSE.

Being like-minded doesn't mean every Christian has the same personality, opinions, talents or experiences.

It means something much greater:

Different people., Different gifts, Different roles, Same Spirit, Same Savior, Same mission.

When we individually seek the mind of Christ, collectively we begin functioning as the **Body of Christ**.

And when the Body of Christ is unified in prayer, grounded in the Word, serving others and walking in humility, the world gets a clearer picture of **Jesus**.

KNOW THE WORD → KNOW THE MESSIAH

KNOW THE MESSIAH → DEVELOP HIS MIND

DEVELOP HIS MIND → WALK IN UNITY

WALK IN UNITY → BECOME A LIGHT TO THE WORLD

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CONCLUSION

THE POWER OF BEING LIKE-MINDED IN PRAYER

After a long and extensive round of treatment, I received some incredible news: **a 40% reduction in cancer activity and a 30% reduction in the size of the tumor.**

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit family and friends back home, and I continue to be surrounded by the men and women in our Soccer Ministry here in

Fort Lauderdale, along with family and friends across the country. It made me realize just how blessed I am to have so many people praying for me.

I believe those prayers have been an **engine driving me forward in this battle against cancer.**

It has also given me a much deeper understanding of what Paul means when he tells believers to be **like-minded, of one accord and of one mind.**

So many of you have come together with the same purpose, agreeing in prayer and bringing my name before God. **Different people, in different places, praying to the same God, through the same Savior, with the same purpose.**

That is the **Body of Christ in action.**

I am incredibly grateful for every prayer, every encouraging word and every person who has stood alongside me. It has shown me firsthand how powerful the Body of Christ can be when we come together, support one another and become **like-minded in prayer.**

One Body. One Spirit. One purpose. One Messiah.