



THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Phil. 2:1-5

“When Life Gets in the Way, Remember This”



Phil. 2:1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

3 Let nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:



I. THE PERCEPTION OF THE CONCEPT

Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:

A. The Imperative – “Let this mind...”

B. The Influence – “...be in you...”

C. The Imitation – “...which was also in Christ Jesus:”

Rom. 6:4 1 Cor. 11:1 Phil. 3:17



II. THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

A. The Fellowship in the Gospel, Phil. 1:3-7

B. The Force Within the Gospel, Phil. 1:9-11

C. The Fall-out from, and for, the Gospel, Phil. 1:12-20


D. The Future due to the Gospel, 1:21-30

E. The Face of the Gospel, 1:27-30

III. THE PUBLISHING OF CONCERN, 2:1-4

A. The Relationship to Consider, 2:1-2

1. The Implication, 2:1 – “*If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,*”

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- a. The Consolation – “If *there be* **therefore** any **consolation** in Christ...”
 - b. The Comfort – “...if any **comfort** of love...”
 - c. The Communion – “...if any **fellowship** of the Spirit...”
 - d. The Compassion – “...if any **bowels and mercies**...”

Power and blessing are related to unity.

Acts 4:32 And **the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul**: neither said any of *them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And **with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.**



Phil. 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, **that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

If I love my church, then I need what the Apostle Paul wrote to this dear church!

Eph. 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing **one another in love;**

3 **Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Original Word: σπουδάζω

Transliteration: spoudazó

Definition: I hasten, am eager, am zealous, to endeavor.

spoudázō – **acting fervently (speedy commitment) to accomplish all that God assigns through faith**

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The Motives for Unity

- The Consolation – “If *there be* **therefore** any **consolation** in Christ...”
- The Comfort – “...if any **comfort** of love...”
- The Communion – “...if any **fellowship** of the Spirit...”
- The Compassion – “...if any **bowels and mercies**...”

The Marks of Unity

Phil. 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy,

- that ye **be likeminded**,
- **having the same love**,
- **being of one accord**,
- **of one mind**.

2. The Implementation, 2:2 – “Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.”

a. The Command, 2:2a – “Fulfil ye my joy...”



Original Word: πληρόω

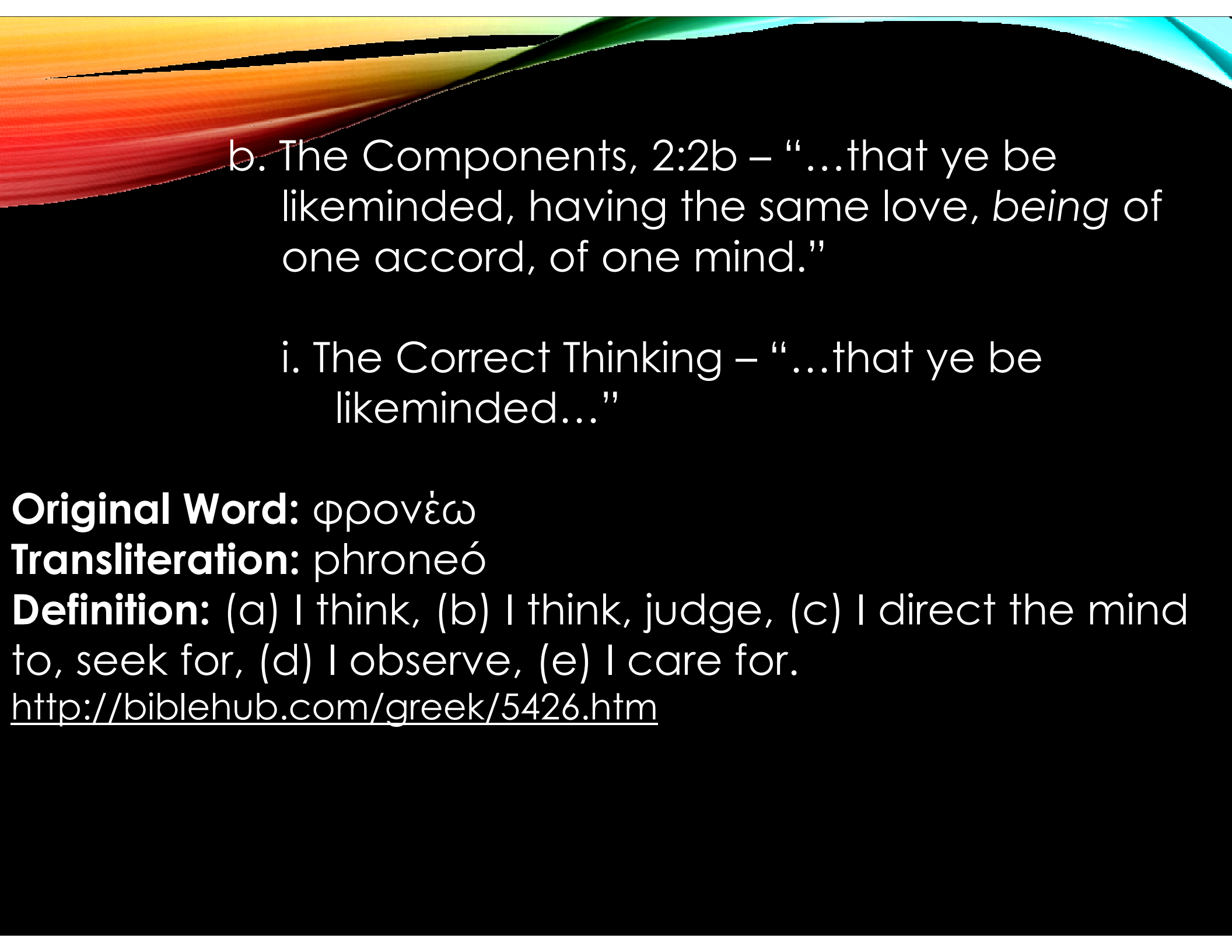
Transliteration: pléroó

Short Definition: I fill, fulfill, complete

plēróō – properly, *fill to individual capacity*, i.e. to the extent it is "meet" (appropriate).

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Phil. 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my **joy** and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.



b. The Components, 2:2b – “...that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.”

i. The Correct Thinking – “...that ye be likeminded...”

Original Word: φρονέω

Transliteration: phroneó

Definition: (a) I think, (b) I think, judge, (c) I direct the mind to, seek for, (d) I observe, (e) I care for.

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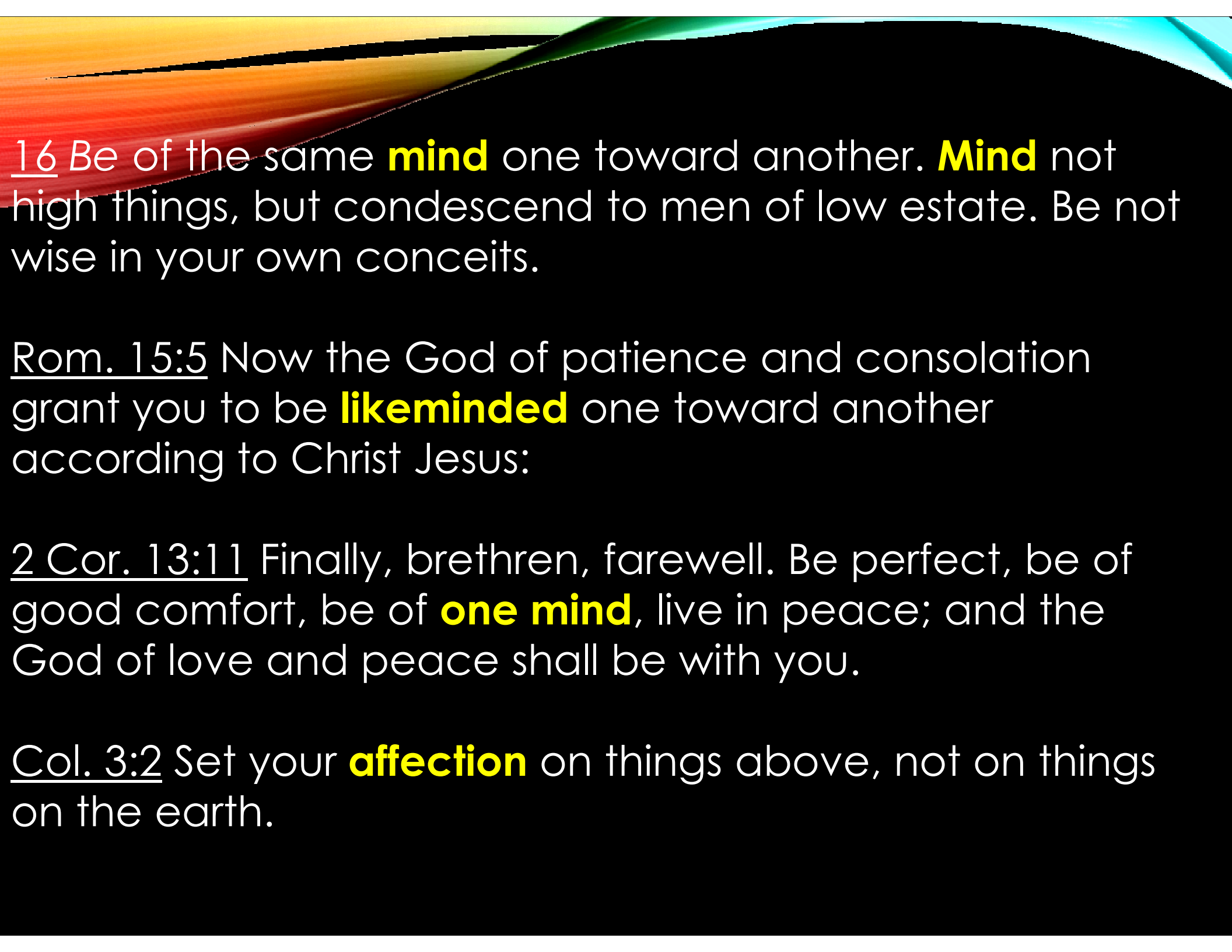
The word means *likeminded* or “thinking the same thing.”

A key to unity is thinking alike.

The problem was attitude.

Rom. 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do **mind** the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Rom. 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think; but **to think soberly**, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. ...



16 Be of the same **mind** one toward another. **Mind** not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Rom. 15:5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be **likeminded** one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

2 Cor. 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of **one mind**, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Col. 3:2 Set your **affection** on things above, not on things on the earth.



How do we do that?

Col. 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

ii. The Consistent Thoughtfulness – “...having the same love...”

Original Word: ἔχω

Transliteration: echó

Short Definition: I have, hold, possess

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Rom. 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Love acts in behalf of someone else's need.

1 Jn. 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, **let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**

iii. The Close-knit Testimony – "...being of one accord, of one mind."



Original Word: σύμψυχος
Transliteration: sumpsuchos
Short Definition: of one accord

sýmpsyxos properly, **closely united in soul**, i.e. people sharing the same *identity* because they are "*in Christ*" – hence, *mutually supporting* what God reveals through faith.

One-soul.

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Transliteration: phroneó
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Conclusion

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- The Correct Thinking – “...that ye be likeminded...”
- The Consistent Thoughtfulness – “...having the same love...”
- The Close-knit Testimony – “...*being* of one accord, of one mind.”