

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Philippians Bible Study

### Philippians 3:15- 21      Lesson #8

**\*\*INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Philippians before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.  
Most Scriptures are from the New King James Version.

15-16 **Therefore let us, as many as are MATURE, have this MIND;** and if in anything you think otherwise, God will REVEAL even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us WALK by the same rule, **let us be of the SAME MIND.**

• **I Corinthians 2:6** “However, we speak \_\_\_\_\_ among those who are \_\_\_\_\_, yet not the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.”

• **Colossians 2:2** “That their hearts may be encouraged, being \_\_\_\_\_ in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mystery of God, both of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I Timothy 4:6** “If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.”

**Definition: “Therefore let us, as many as are MATURE, have this MIND”** – To “Have this mind” means Paul is referring to what he was talking about in the previous verses. Also, whenever you see the word “therefore” you need to go back to the verses just before it and see what it is “there for,” or in other words, what the writer was talking about just before. Paul also says **this teaching is for those who are MATURE in their faith. There are many places in Scripture where it tells us NOT to REMAIN CHILDREN, but to GROW UP and be MATURE** in our faith and our walk.

• **Ephesians 4:14-15** “That we should \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_, tossed to and fro and carried about with \_\_\_\_\_ wind of \_\_\_\_\_, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of men, in the cunning \_\_\_\_\_ by which they lie in wait to \_\_\_\_\_, but, speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ in love, may \_\_\_\_\_ in all things into \_\_\_\_\_ who is the head — \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I Corinthians 14:20** “Brethren, do not be \_\_\_\_\_ in understanding; however, in malice be \_\_\_\_\_, but in understanding be \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Hebrews 5:12-14** “For though by this time you ought to be \_\_\_\_\_, you need someone to \_\_\_\_\_ you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need \_\_\_\_\_ and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of \_\_\_\_\_ is unskilled in the \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness, for he is a \_\_\_\_\_. But \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to those who are of full \_\_\_\_\_ (mature, grown up), that is those who by reason of use have their \_\_\_\_\_ exercised (trained) to discern both good and evil.”

**Definition: “EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE”** — Doctrine means “teaching” — **we are NOT to be falling for every new kind of teaching or latest “spiritual fad”.** Cults and false teachers are EVERYWHERE!! Many of them *SOUND* Christian, or use the name of Jesus, but they are a mixture of truth and LIES! **Satan is the FATHER of LIES** and a great counterfeiter. Many true Christians get tricked or sucked into false cults because they DO NOT know **what God’s word really says!!**

- **II Corinthians 11:3-4 & 13-15** “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent \_\_\_\_\_ Eve by his \_\_\_\_\_, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches \_\_\_\_\_ whom we have not preached, or if you receive \_\_\_\_\_ which you have not received, or a different \_\_\_\_\_ which you have not accepted, you may well put up with it.” (Verses 13-15) “For such are \_\_\_\_\_ apostles, \_\_\_\_\_ workers, transforming themselves into the [appearance of] apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for \_\_\_\_\_ himself transforms himself into an angel of \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, it is no surprise if his ministers also are transformed [into the appearance of] ministers of \_\_\_\_\_; whose end (reward) shall be according to their \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **Colossians 2:8-10** “Beware lest anyone cheat you through \_\_\_\_\_ and empty \_\_\_\_\_, according to the tradition of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the basic \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ according to \_\_\_\_\_. For in \_\_\_\_\_ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead *in bodily form*; and you are \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, who is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all principality and power.”
- **II Timothy 3:13** “But \_\_\_\_\_ men and \_\_\_\_\_ will grow worse and worse, \_\_\_\_\_ and being deceived.”
- **I Timothy 4:1** “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times [*before Christ returns*], some will depart from the faith, giving heed to \_\_\_\_\_ spirits and doctrines of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Let us be of the SAME MIND”** – Does this mean **Christians have to agree on EVERYTHING in their lives?** **No**, we are all **INDIVIDUALS**, and we have different likes, dislikes and opinions. What **we DO need to do is be in AGREEMENT with the basic TRUTHS of the Bible.**

- **Ephesians 4:3** “Endeavoring to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the bond of peace.”
- **Acts 2:1 & 46** “And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ (in unity) in one place.” (Verse 46) “So continuing daily with \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.”
- **Philippians 4:1-2** “Therefore, my beloved and longed for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. I implore (beg) Euodia and I implore Syntyche to \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.”

17-19 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the **ENEMIES** of the **CROSS** of Christ; **whose END is DESTRUCTION, whose GOD is their BELLY**, and whose glory is in their shame – **who set their mind on EARTHLY THINGS.**

- **Colossians 3:2, 5 & 8-9** (Verse 2) “Set your \_\_\_\_\_ on things above, not on things on the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Verse 5) “Therefore put to \_\_\_\_\_ your members which are on the earth; \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ which is idolatry.” (Verse 8-9) “But now \_\_\_\_\_ also must \_\_\_\_\_ all these: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, blasphemy, \_\_\_\_\_ out of your mouth. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ to one another, since you have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ with his deeds.”
- **Ephesians 5:12** “For it is \_\_\_\_\_ even to \_\_\_\_\_ of those things which are done by them in \_\_\_\_\_.”

•Romans 1:18 & 27-32 (Verse 18) “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed from heaven against all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.” (Verses 27-32) “Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their \_\_\_\_\_ for one another, \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ committing what is \_\_\_\_\_, and receiving in themselves (in their bodies) the \_\_\_\_\_ of their error (sin) which was due. And even as they did not \_\_\_\_\_ to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to do those things which are NOT \_\_\_\_\_; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, \_\_\_\_\_, maliciousness; full of \_\_\_\_\_, murder, strife, \_\_\_\_\_, evil mindedness; they are whisperers (gossips), backbiters, haters of God, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, boasters, inventors of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to parents, undiscerning, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, unforgiving, \_\_\_\_\_, who, knowing the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that those who \_\_\_\_\_ such \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, not only do the same, but also \_\_\_\_\_ of those who practice them.”

**Definition: “Whose END is DESTRUCTION, whose GOD is their BELLY”** – “Belly” in this verse means **“physical, fleshly appetites.”** People make many things their “gods” or “idols” — IDOLATRY doesn’t have to be worshiping STATUES, it can be putting ANYTHING ahead of God in our lives. Anything or ANY PERSON in our lives that takes away from **our devotion to God** can become an IDOL. **“Whose END is DESTRUCTION”** simply means that to live your life ONLY for FLESHLY appetites will usually lead to an early PHYSICAL DEATH. You can kill yourself with alcohol, you can die of diseases caused by being severely overweight, you can die an early death from drugs, you can die an early death from sexually transmitted diseases, etc. God wants to protect us and deliver us from these destructive things.

•Exodus 20:2-3 “I am the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ before (besides) Me.”

•I John 5:19-21 “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might \_\_\_\_\_ who is true, and we are in \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ and eternal life. Little children, \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves from \_\_\_\_\_.”

•Galatians 6:7-8 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap \_\_\_\_\_; but he who sows to the \_\_\_\_\_ shall from the Spirit reap \_\_\_\_\_.”

•Romans 6:12-13 “Do not \_\_\_\_\_ sin reign (have control) in your mortal body, that you should \_\_\_\_\_ it in its desires. And do not \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ as instruments of unrighteousness unto \_\_\_\_\_, but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

•Romans 8:5-7 “For those who \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_ set their minds on the things of the \_\_\_\_\_, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the \_\_\_\_\_. For to be \_\_\_\_\_ minded is \_\_\_\_\_, but to be Spiritually minded is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Because the \_\_\_\_\_ mind is \_\_\_\_\_ against God; for it is not subject to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, nor indeed can be.”

**Definition: “CARNALLY MINDED”** means to **THINK** like the **UNSAVED** people **think**, thinking only of

**material, fleshly things.** The word “carnal” simply means of the flesh, fleshly.

• **Romans 6:20-21** “For when you were slaves of \_\_\_\_\_, you were free in regard to righteousness. What \_\_\_\_\_ did you have then in the \_\_\_\_\_ of which you are now \_\_\_\_\_? For the end of those things is \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Ephesians 5:11** “And have no fellowship with the \_\_\_\_\_ works of \_\_\_\_\_, but rather expose them.”

• **Romans 7:5** “For when we were in the flesh, the \_\_\_\_\_ which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I John 2:28** “And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ before Him at His coming.”

**Definition: “FRUIT”** — In this context, fruit means BENEFIT. In other words, WHAT GOOD did you get out of those things of which you are now ASHAMED? **Were they BENEFICIAL to your life, or DESTRUCTIVE?**

**Definition: “SOWING and REAPING”** — Sowing means planting seeds, and reaping means harvesting or gathering the crop that has grown from those seeds. For Christians, this means that we may still have to suffer the CONSEQUENCES of our sinful behavior, even though God has FORGIVEN us.

20-21 For **our citizenship is in HEAVEN**, from which we also EAGERLY wait for the Savior, the **Lord Jesus Christ, who will TRANSFORM our lowly BODY that it may be conformed to His glorious BODY**, according to the working by which He is able to subdue ALL things to Himself.”

• **Ephesians 1:14** “Which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ until the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ possession, unto the praise of His glory.”

• **I Corinthians 15:20-22 & 26** “But now \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (in death). For since by \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_, by Man came also the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead. For as in \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_, even so in Christ all shall be made \_\_\_\_\_.” (Verse 26) “The last \_\_\_\_\_ that will be destroyed is \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “FIRSTFRUITS of those who have FALLEN ASLEEP”** — Jesus often referred to physical DEATH as “sleep”, because He knew it was only a temporary condition until the resurrection. The Holy Spirit is given to us as a **DOWN PAYMENT or GUARANTEE of the resurrection which is to come, and Jesus was the First ONE to be resurrected in a perfect, resurrection body.** In the Old Testament, the “FIRSTFRUITS” was the FIRST PART of the HARVEST, which was given to God as an offering, in FAITH that the REST of the HARVEST would be plentiful and good. We will be the “rest of the harvest” when Jesus RETURNS, and **when we receive our RESURRECTION BODIES, they will be just like Jesus’ body.**

• **John 11:11-14** “These things He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus \_\_\_\_\_, but I go that I may \_\_\_\_\_ him up.” Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.” However, Jesus spoke of his \_\_\_\_\_, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them \_\_\_\_\_, ‘Lazarus is \_\_\_\_\_.’”