

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Philippians 2:1-2 (NIV)*

## **Singleness of Purpose**

**What have you received from me?** That sounds like an impossible question to answer. **Why is that?** I have received so much from you. **Then you will have plenty with which to answer my question.** That's right. I have received your love. I have received your mercy. I have received your forgiveness. I have received your comfort and encouragement. I have received your tenderness and compassion. You have allowed me to live in a close and intimate relationship with you. **Yes, you have generously and abundantly received all of this and much more from me.**

**What do you think I want you to do with all that I have generously and abundantly given to you?** I'm not sure what you mean. **Have I given you a little bit of my love? Have I given you a small sample of my mercy and forgiveness? Have I given you a little taste of my comfort and encouragement? Have I given you just enough of my tenderness and compassion?** No, you have generously and abundantly given these and much more to me. **Why do you think that is?** There is no limit to your kindness, goodness, mercy and love. **That's true. What else?** You want me to generously and abundantly give to others all that you have given to me. **Yes, I do.**

**Will it be hard for you to give to others all that I have given to you?** No, it will not be hard to give to others all that you have given to me. **Why is that?** There are a couple reasons. **I'm listening.** All that you have given to me has changed me. **How so?** Your love has made me loving. Your mercy has made me merciful. Your forgiveness has made me forgiving. As I live in a close and intimate relationship with you I am becoming more like you. **Yes, you are.** I want to do what you have done. I want to live like you lived. I want to give like you gave. I want to love like you loved. You are giving me the desire and ability to do for others what you have done for me. **Yes, I am.** It is now my joy to be like-minded with you, having the same singleness of purpose that you had in loving and giving yourself to others. That's what I want. **That is what I am doing and will continue to do in and through your life as you follow and serve me.**

*Lord, thank you for all the encouragement, comfort and love I have received from you. Help me to share with others all you have given to me. Help me to live in spirit enabled like-minded unity and singleness of purpose with fellow believers. Amen*

**The Mind***Being Like Minded*

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

NIV

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***Being In Full Accord*

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

ESV

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***Agreeing Wholeheartedly*

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

NLT

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***Being Like Minded*

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

NKJV

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***Of The Same Minded*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

NRSV

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***Agree With Each Other*

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends.

MSG

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***The Same Mind*

SO BY whatever [appeal to you there is in our mutual dwelling in Christ, by whatever] strengthening and consoling and encouraging [our relationship] in Him [affords], by whatever persuasive incentive there is in love, by whatever participation in the [Holy] Spirit [we share], and by whatever depth of affection and compassionate sympathy, Fill up and complete my joy by living in harmony and being of the same mind and one in purpose, having the same love, being in full accord and of one harmonious mind and intention.

AMP

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***Agreeing Wholeheartedly*

Is there any such thing as Christians cheering each other up? Do you love me enough to want to help me? Does it mean anything to you that we are brothers in the Lord, sharing the same Spirit? Are your hearts tender and sympathetic at all? Then make me truly happy by loving each other and agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, working together with one heart and mind and purpose.

TLB

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***Being Of The Same Mind*

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

NASB

Philippians 2:1-2

**The Mind***The Same Thoughts*

Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share together in the spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness? If so, make me very happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and having one mind and purpose.

NCV

Philippians 2:1-2

# Being Like Minded

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Mind** – Philippians 2:1-2

**In Context:** *Read Philippians 2*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank you for all the encouragement, comfort and love I have received from you. Help me to share with others all you have given to me. Help me to live in spirit enabled like-minded unity and singleness of purpose with fellow believers. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has being united with Jesus Christ encouraged you as you have followed and served Him?

**How have you been comforted and strengthened by the love that Jesus Christ has for you?**

How are you living in close fellowship within a community of fellow believers?

How has the Holy Spirit been developing comfort and compassion for others in you?

**When has the Lord used you to comfort and encourage another person with His love?**

How are you living in like-minded unity with fellow believers?

**What singleness of purpose do you share in common with fellow believers?**

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Live in like minded Spirit enabled unity with fellow believers as you fulfill your common purposes.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that you will be able to live in Spirit enabled unity with fellow believers as you fulfill your common purpose.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are living in like-minded unity with fellow believers.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you live in like-minded unity with fellow believers as you fulfill your common purpose in Christ.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will live in like-minded unity with fellow believers as I fulfill all that you give me to do for you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I live in unity with believers and fulfill all that you give me to do for you today?*

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