**CONFRONTING OUR MINDSETS**

**Text: Philippians 2:1-5**

* 1 Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,
* 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.
* 3 *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit,
* but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
* 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
* 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

**INTRO:**

* To confront means-to come face to face with, especially with defiance or hostility:
* To come up against
* Mindset-a fixed mental attitude or disposition that predetermines a person's responses to and interpretations of situations.
* An inclination or a habit.

**AIM:**

* FOR US TO BE ABLE TO DEAL OR CONFRONT OUR MINDSETS
* FOR US TO HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

**I. VARIOUS MINDSETS**

**A. FIXED MINDSET**

* Based on the world, there are 6 types of mindset

1. joy oriented mind
2. love oriented mind
3. hate oriented mind
4. fear oriented mind
5. boredom oriented mind
6. and sex oriented mind

* There are basically 12 types of negativity –

1. Suppression
2. Neediness
3. Over-sensitivity
4. Greed
5. Exploitation-use or utilization, especially for profit:
6. Meekness

7. Cynicism-: believing that people are generally selfish and dishonest

* selfish and dishonest in a way that shows no concern about treating other people fairly

8. Unworthiness

9 self-pity

10. Arrogance

11. Jealousy

12. Dullness.

* In a biblical context, to will deliberately, have a purpose, be minded
* Matt 1:19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man,* and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

**B. FAIR-MINDED**

* characterized by fair judgment; impartial; unprejudiced
* We do not look at a person by the way we see them but by our mindsets.
* Ex. Rape victims
* Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.

**C. CARNALLY MINDED**

* Focused on the temporary things, things that can be seen, or worldly
* Things that give happiness but not joy or everlasting effect

**D. SPIRITUALLY MINDED**

* Focused or concerned on the things that accompany salvation, eternal or the things of God
* Matthew 16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”
* II Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward *man* is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.
* 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,
* 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which *are* not seen are eternal.

**E. LIKE-MINDED**

* Phil 2:2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.
* Romans 15:5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus
* Phil 2:20 For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.
* Phil 3:16 Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule,[a] let us be of the same mind.

**F. SOBER-MINDED**

* I Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach
* of sound mind, exercise self-control.
* II Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind
* Titus 2:6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded

**G. DOUBLE-MINDED**

* James 1:8 *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
* James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

**H. LOWLY MINDED**

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

**I. CHRIST-LIKE MINDED**

* Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus
* Considered it not robbery (hold fast or seize) to be equal with God-v 6
* Made Himself of no reputation-v 7
* Taking the form of a bondservant-v 7
* Coming in the likeness of men-v 7
* He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death on the cross-v 8

**II. KNOW YOUR MINDSET**

* You cannot deal or change what you don’t know
* Ex. Doctors who ask for signs and symptoms

**III. CONFRONT YOUR MINDSET**

* Come against it with defiance
* Face it for you to be able to deal with it

**IV. REPENT**

* Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
* Experiencing heaven on earth begins when we change our mindsets
* Mindset-a fixed mental attitude or disposition that predetermines a person's responses to and interpretations of situations.

**CHALLENGE:**

* ARE YOU NOW AWARE OF YOUR MINDSET?
* ARE YOU WILLING TO CONFRONT YOUR MINDSET?
* ARE YOU GOING TO CHANGE YOUR MINDSET?

**CONCLUSION:**

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,