

STRATEGY THOUGHTS **FROM PHILIPPIANS**

**Today we'll see how Paul's instructions to the Philippians
and the mission of Franklin Road Baptist Church
can develop into a church strategy worthy
of consideration and implementation.**

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I. EXPRESSING OUR DEVOTION

- We seek to be a church that worships together

A. THROUGH PRAYER

1. Paul's Prayers for Them
 - a. A prayer of thanksgiving for their involvement in ministry (1:1-5)
 - b. A prayer for God's grace (4:23)
2. Their Prayers
 - a. For Paul (1:19)
 - b. For themselves (4:6)

B. WITH MUSIC

1. Rejoicing in the Lord is a safeguard (3:1)
2. Rejoicing in the Lord should be perpetual (4:4)
3. Music is on the best methods for expressing our joy in Jesus

C. BY SERVICE

1. Individually
 - a. Timothy's sincere service (2:19-22)
 - b. Epaphroditus' sacrificial service (2:25-30)
 - c. We should be Christians who model sincere and sacrificial service to others as an expression of our devotion to God
2. Corporately (4:10-19)
 - a. Sharing with others afflictions (10-14)
 - b. Giving to meet needs (15-18)
 - c. Experiencing God's provision for our needs (19)
 - d. We should be a church selflessly involved in serving the needs of others

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II. EQUIPPING BELIEVERS

- We seek to be a church that grows together

A. THROUGH SMALL GROUPS

1. A passion for knowing and serving God (3:10-12)
2. Encouraging believers to stand firm in the Lord (4:1)

B. AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. Providing an atmosphere where abounding love is expressed and biblical discernment is encouraged (1:9-10)
2. Modeling practical Christianity that is worthy of duplication (4:9)

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III. EVANGELIZING THE WORLD

- We seek to be a church that engages our world together

A. THROUGH LOCAL OUTREACH

1. Note the benefits of Paul's imprisonment (1:12-14)
 - We should be encouraged when the gospel makes an impact in our neighborhood!
2. The testimony of transformed believers is significant (2:14-16)
 - Might we shine as lights in the world, holding fast the Word of life

B. WITH GLOBAL MISSIONS

1. Some in the Philippian church had been Paul's fellow-workers in a missions endeavor (4:3)
2. Euodia and Syntyche had shared with Paul in the cause of the gospel (4:3)
3. People from the local church at Philippi were leaving their local communities to share the gospel elsewhere. > We ought to be a church like that!

CONCLUSION:

Gazing out our church windows or passively playing church will never exalt Christ.

We must be active, inspired, aggressive and engaged if we are to be a church God can use - See Philippians 1:27

May our conduct rightly project the gospel ... Might we stand firm in one spirit ... and strive together for the faith of the gospel!

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