

The Power of Godly Ministry Partnerships

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- I. The Principle of Godly Ministry Partnerships, Phil 1:5
 - A. Their Character, *fellowship/participation*
 - B. Their Context, *in the gospel*
 - 1. For the sake of the purity of the gospel, believers and churches must separate from those who deny essential doctrines of the faith (Jude 3; 2 John 9-11; Rom 16:17).
 - 2. For the sake of the clarity of the gospel, believers and churches must separate from those who compromise the faith by granting Christian recognition and fellowship to those who have denied essential doctrines of the faith (Rom 16:17; Phil 3:17-19; cf. 2 Thess 3:6-15).
 - 3. For the sake of the credibility of the gospel, believers and churches must strive to reflect God's holiness and to live differently than those who have not experienced the saving grace of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:15-16; Eph 4:17-19).
 - C. Their Commitment, *from the first day until now*
- II. The Pattern for Godly Ministry Partnerships
 - A. Intercession, Phil. 1:19-20
 - B. Involvement, Phil. 1:27-30; 2:25; 4:2-3
 - C. Investment, Phil. 4:15-16
- III. The Purpose of Godly Ministry Partnerships

The book of 2 Corinthians reveals three corresponding aspects of the purpose which should drive godly ministry partnerships:

- A. The Multiplied Prayer Produces Multiplied Praise, 2 Cor. 1:11.
- B. The Spreading Grace Produces Spreading Gratitude, 2 Cor. 4:15.
- C. The Generous Provision Produces Generous Praise and Prayer, 2 Cor. 9:13-14

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