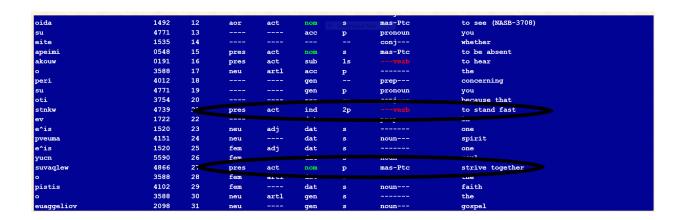
# Part 23 – Philippians 4:1-9 – Standing Firm in The Lord The Keys to Standing Firm in The Lord - Key 1- UNITY

**Philippians 1:27** Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that **you are standing firm** in one **spirit, with one mind striving together** for the faith of the gospel;

Spirit- the loyal unity of common interests, responsibilities and purpose of the brethren" (Bdag)



## 1. SO THE FIRST KEY TO STANDING IN THE LORD - IS UNITY

**2 Thessalonians 1:4** therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your **perseverance** and faith in the midst of all your **persecutions and afflictions** which you **endure**.

Perseverance: "a remaining behind, a patient enduring"

Websters says this: "persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success"

Then the term "endure" to hold up, bear with.

Philippians 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Note the words used here: "Same mind", "maintaining the same love", "united in spirit". "intent one one purpose".

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of MIND regard one another as more important than yourselves;

4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, **but also** for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

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Philippians 4:9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Matthew 10:38-39** And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for **My** sake will find it.

## Philippians 4:1-9

- 1 **Therefore**, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way **stand firm in the Lord**, my beloved.
- 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.
- 3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.
- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!
- 5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.
- 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### 2 Peter 3:15-16

15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

16 **as also in all his letters**, speaking in them of these things, in which there are some things that are hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

**Philippians 4:3** Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to **help** these women who have **shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel**, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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