

Motives for Ministry

Review P's circ. Awaiting trial. 18 mo. Rented house. Why these things happen? ¹Fallen world. ²Failure to judge sin, 1 Cor 11. ³Prevent sin, 2 Cor 12. ⁴Promote growth, Rom 5:3-5. ⁵Promote gospel (Phil 1). Lit advance, =Lk 2:52; 1Tim 4:15. Turned out=have come. Hint of sovereignty.

I. Motives.

- A. By circ in which God places me. ¹²Above, on, have come. Steele illus. B. Goodwill=^{and love} good motives; ¹⁵⁻¹⁶2Cor 5:17
- B. By tough times God places others. ¹⁴P wanted Phil to be encouraged. Eph 3:13. Xns in prison embolden us.
- C. Fearlessly. aphobos. 2 Tim 1:7-8 another imprisonmt. perisoteros. comparative. so much more. Word of God. motive was good will, ^{bold=}15. courage=dare.
- C. Envy and strife, ¹⁵18. What? Word of God. How? Intensely, What? preach X, ¹⁷ /daringly/ fearlessly. Who? all Xns.
- Who? Mild form of Judaisers, 3:2
- How? Envy and strife, 15
- Contention (vv. 16-17 reversed in ^{or NKJ} KJ)=selfish ambition.=2:3. Used of hired hand who was looked down on bec he labored only for own interest. Pretense, 18 Preaching X used as mask for selfishness. With mixed (impure) motives, 17.

II. Results, 1:13-14

A. In Rome, 13.

1. Praetorium guard, 13. Sometimes of residence (Mt 27:27) but here of lifeguards of emperor. Chained, Eph 6:20; guard changed 6 hrs. P's actions always scrutinized
2. To all the rest, 13 (KJ in all other places). People who came to see P like Jews in Acts 28. Onesimus.

B. In Other places, 14. Use ¹B above.

- C. In P's heart, 1:18. Rejoices and will (Fut mid=decision of P's will to do so). Not condoning Judaisers nor compromising grace but realizes that imperfect understanding better than no understanding (unsaved). RC, etc)

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Concl. Prob is not that gospel is imperfectly preached but that we don't preach it at all.

1. Trouble can promote gospel and Xn growth.