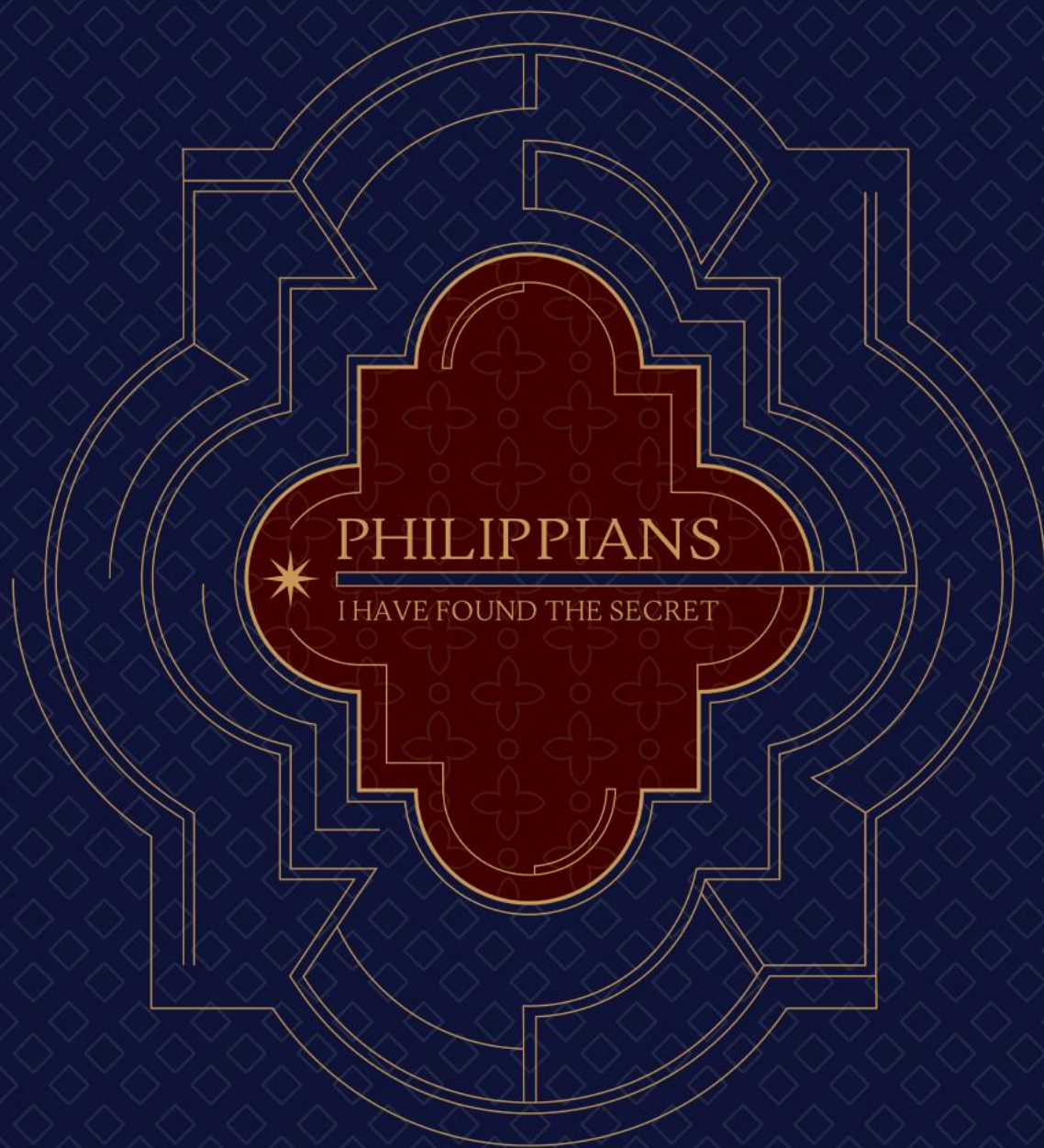




Agree in the Lord

Philippians 4:2-3

Romans 12:18

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.



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and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.



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Proverb 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.



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Proverbs 22:20-22

For lack of wood the fire goes out,
and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.
As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.
The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.



Proverbs 17:4

An evildoer listens to wicked lips,
and a liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.



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The one who states his case first seems right,
until the other comes and examines him.



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Listening to Correction

Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Oil and perfume make the heart glad,
and the sweetness of a friend comes from his
earnest counsel.

Proverbs 27:5-6, 9



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Whoever ignores instruction despises himself,
but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.

Proverbs 15:32



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Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but he who hates reproof is stupid.

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1 Corinthians 6:4-6

So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers, but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?



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1 Corinthians 5:4-5

When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.



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