



BIBLE BRIEFS

John 15:15; 16:13

BIBLE STUDY OUTLINES BY RONALD DUNN

INTRO - Cf I Cor 2:16 w/ Phil 1:5 = 1-mind = mind itself; the faculty of perception & understanding 2. Phil 1:5 what's in the mind, the thought = to be minded in a certain way - "when we hear the mind of another we share the very springs of their feelings being. It is to have their way of feeling, their way of doing things. If we are like another in mind, we will be like them in everything."

I - Mind of X Produces Harmony v. 2 - "likes minded", ^{a general expression for concord} "likes minded", then listed 3 elements of Harmony, "likes minded"

1. Harmony of Affection = "same love"

2. Harmony of Attitude = "one accord" - sentiment, ^{togetherness of spirit} "one in feeling w/ others - sharing the feelings of others" οὐψυχῶς

3. Harmony of Ambition - one mind - Lit. "Thinking the one thing." Williams - "your minds set on one purpose."

II - Mind of X Produces Humility (Source of Harmony)

1. Humility Defined = "Lowliness of mind" ΤΑΤΕΙΔΟΦΡΟΣΥΝΗ - Humility
In classics this word used in a bad & derogatory sense = "The word for the Xian virtue
of humility wasn't used before Xian era, & is distinctly an outgrowth of Gospel"
- This virtue is based upon a correct estimate of our actual littleness, & is linked
w/ a sense of sinfulness.

2. Humility Described - (1) Negatively - "Nothing Done thru Strife or Vainglory"
a. Strife = Selfish Spirit Strife
faction & Party spirit
b. Vainglory = Petty Pride ambition
DL Morley = "Strife is knocking another down - Vainglory
is setting yourself up."

(2) Positively - A - Submission = Willingness "Practice treating one another as
your superiors."
The "flesh" recoils from this - it is the deliberate estimate & preference of
others, not a momentary impulse of politeness.

B - Selflessness = "Look" - fix attention upon w/ interest in = Look after the interests
of others as much as your own.

3 - Humility Demonstrated - 106-11