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"STAND FAST"

(Philippians 1:27 – 30)

INTRODUCTION - like a coach, Paul presents a "game plan" in which to "stand fast."

1. IN CONDUCT - (v27) "let your conduct ("citizenship") be worthy of the gospel"

(Phil. 3:17, v20; Ephesians 2:19, 4:1)

"Conduct" - manner of life; live the life of a citizen; behave as citizens worthily.

2. IN PRESENCE OF OTHERS OR IN BEING ALONE - (v27) "So that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs"

It's a lesson on self-control: (Galatians 5:23) "fruit of the Spirit is ... self-control"

3. IN UNITY AND CO-OPERATION - (v27) "that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

"Striving together" - let's struggle side by side; pull together; fellow-laborers.
(Psalm 133:1; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 4:3; Philippians 2:4)

Illustration: "XVXRYONX IS NXXDXD"

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works wxll xxcxpt for onx of the kxys. I wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfxctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-thrxx kxys that function wxll nxough, but just onx makxs a diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our organization is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr, not all thx pxoplx arx working propxrlly.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson, I won't makx or brxak a program." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx. Bxcausx any program, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy mxmbxr.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts are not nxxdx, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr, and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson in our organization, and I am nxxdx vxry much. Any timx I don't work right, IT SURX MAKXS A DIFFXRXNCX!"

4. IN THE PRESENCE OF ADVERSARIES ("ENEMIES") -
(v28) "and not in any way terrified by your adversaries"

"not ... terrified" - affrighted or startled; stricken with fear; spooked.
"adversaries" - perhaps those mentioned in (3:2 and v18-19)

5. IN SUFFERING AND IN CONFLICT - (v29-30) "For to you it has been granted ... to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict ..."

Suffering is not a curse; rather, a blessing to "stand fast" for Christ.
(Matthew 5:10 – 12) "Blessed are those who ..."