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## SERMON OUTLINE

# REORIENT YOUR MIND

PHILIPPIANS 4:2-9 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

In Philippians 3:12-4:1, Paul exhorted the believers to stand firm in the Lord. The call to stand firm requires being deliberate in our choices and disciplined in our thoughts. Our ability to remain spiritually steadfast flows from a mind that is continually being renewed and redirected toward Christ.

Paul addressed a conflict between two faithful women in the church—Euodia and Syntyche. He urged them to reconcile in the Lord since they have a shared identity in Christ. This disagreement prompted Paul to appeal to a trusted co-laborer to help restore their fellowship. These women had once labored faithfully in gospel ministry alongside him and others, making their unity not only possible but essential (Philippians 4:2-3).

Paul exhorted the believers to anchor their joy in the Lord, not in changing circumstances. Even in the face of trials, they are to maintain a posture of gentleness. The repeated call to rejoice emphasizes that joy is not a fleeting emotion but a deliberate choice rooted in Christ. The Lord's nearness—whether in His return or His abiding presence—strengthens the believer's ability to respond with joy and kindness (Philippians 4:4-5).

Paul commanded the believers not to be anxious but to bring every concern to God. As they pray in faith, God responds not only with answers but with His peace. This peace surpasses understanding and stands guard over their hearts and minds as they are anchored in Christ (Philippians 4:6-7).

Paul instructed believers to intentionally dwell on things that reflect God's truth. By focusing on what is excellent and praiseworthy, believers align their thoughts with the heart of God. Right thinking leads to spiritual stability and Christlike living (Philippians 4:8).

Paul closed the section with a call to active obedience. The Philippians were reminded that faith must be lived out. As they follow his teaching and example, they are assured of God's abiding presence (Philippians 4:9).

In this sermon, we will identify five specific areas of life where the reorientation of our minds must take place so we can continue to shine as lights in these dark times.✱

# CHRISTLIKE MINDSET IN ELECTION SEASON

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*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." - Philippians 4:8*

As election day nears, the anticipation surrounding the debates intensifies. For many of us, the debates serve as a platform to know more about the candidates and their political stance. This is the time to get a glimpse of their character, thought process, and their ability to handle pressure.

However, these debates, more often than not, turn from political discourse into personal attacks. Candidates question each other's character rather than focus on political issues. They shift from addressing the real issues to targeting their opponent's weakness which then creates a very divisive and negative atmosphere.

But what's even sadder is that we, the audience, become lost in the chaos and get swept up in the fight ourselves. As we rally behind the candidates we favor, we forget who we are and start

getting involved in the discord. As our chosen candidates bicker, we too, find ourselves caught up in their issues and arguments. We post hurtful comments on social media, engage in heated debates with others, and lose sight of the very principles we once believed in.

In Philippians 4:8, Paul urged the Philippians to fill their minds with what is true, honorable, just, pure, and lovely. These are the things that should fill our minds. But what I have noticed is that it is so easy to deviate from this. Sometimes, just after a satisfying time with the Lord, we find ourselves thinking exactly the opposite of these virtues. We need to be mindful of what goes on in our minds every waking moment of our lives so that we can discern when the enemy is trying to get to us.

As believers, we are to cultivate a mindset aligned with God's truth. A godly mindset is reflected in our actions and speech. When we focus on these things, and apply this principle to debates and our conversations, we can elevate the level of discussions that contribute to the greater good, rather than getting lost in the negativity. A godly mindset can only come from the Holy Spirit who transforms every area of our life.

Paul's call to imitate him challenges us to live a life worthy of our calling. We are to model Christ's love and reflect His peace in all that we do and say. Amid a heated and divided election, it is easy to be caught up in the conflict. While the election process may bring frustration and tension, the transformation that happens when we embody Christ's love and peace in our interactions is a powerful testimony. This requires hard work, patience, and sometimes tears, but it leads to true joy when we see others, and ourselves, living out these values—even in the most challenging times.

The election process may present challenges, but it also provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate the transformative power of Christ in how we interact with others. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to transform our lives, allowing us to be intentional in guarding our hearts and mind. In doing so, we become a light in the darkness—a testimony of peace and unity in this divided world.

We invite you to join us in "USAPANG BOTOHAN" at 1:00 pm today at the Youth Center. ✱

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