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## Keys to “minding the same thing”:

1. Ask a mutual friend/ coworker in the Gospel to help (v. 3) who should:
  - a. Remind of past ministry successes together and that they remain on the same team
  - b. Remind of their shared place in the Book of Life
  - c. Cast a vision for future ministry together.
2. Rejoice in the Lord always! (v. 4)
3. Present a gentle spirit to everyone (v.5)



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Biblical context of “gentle”

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- c. Allowing **godly wisdom** to work out in your life by sowing peace (James. 3:13-18)
- d. Being fair and **even-tempered**. (1 Pet. 2:18)
- 4. Know that the Lord is **at hand** (5b)
- 5. **Relax** and make your **requests** known to God (6)
  - a. Don't be **anxious**
  - b. Approach God in **prayer** (prayer addressed to God)
  - c. Approach God with supplication (earnest seeking, asking from a state of poverty/need)
  - d. Presume an attitude of **thankfulness** as you **request** resolution from God
- 6. Discover God's **peace** (v. 7)
  - a. It will be beyond human **understanding**  
Jealousy, selfish ambition, boastfulness, dishonesty (which rob of peace) are demonic. (James. 3:14-15)
  - b. It will **guard** your heart and mind in Christ Jesus
- 7. Adjust your **thinking** toward your offender(v. 8)
  - a. Think about what is **true**
  - b. Think about what is **honorable**
  - c. Think about what is **just**
  - d. Think about what is **pure**
  - e. Think about what is **lovely**
  - f. Think about what is **commendable**
  - g. <sup>8b</sup> ...***if*** there is any excellence, ***if*** there is anything worthy of praise...
- 8. Follow **Paul's** example. (v. 9)

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