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My Dear Sisters,

I pray that this finds everyone doing well and enjoying the blessings of God and your place in The Church of Jesus Christ. I want to share with you a few thoughts the Lord put upon my heart this Sunday.

The Sunday School lesson was from the writings of Paul to the Philippians. In Chapter 1, verse 27, Paul reminded us to “Only let our conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.”

This particular passage of scripture is full of admonition, but in class the two things that stuck me were that it is a warning and that we must strive together.

The warning is clear, be careful of your actions and what you say because the people with whom you come in contact do report your representation of the Gospel to others.

The second and very important lesson I believe lies with the phrase *striving together*. Is that not the spirit of the Ladies' Uplift Circle? I truly believe that the Lord put this upon my heart so that I might share it with you. In this scripture, the Lord states that He expects us to work together. I also believe it is an encouragement to do more and a promise that God will continue to bless those efforts.

Think about what you and the sisters in your branch can do to strive together. Pray that God will reveal to you that which he has for you to do. We know that He will not give us a job to do without giving us a means to accomplish the task. Ask Him if He has anything else for you to do. The blessings of service are great! The rewards of working together are awesome.

If you are not a Circle member, pray that God will make a way for you to join the sisters in fellowship and labor.

All my love,
Sis. Karen