

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////



This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends or your group.

For Discussion:

1. How has Philippians 2 been helpful to you in your walk with Christ prior to this study?
2. Do you think that humility is one quality most lacking in our society? Explain why or why not? What could happen if Christians truly lived in humility?
3. In your opinion, why did Paul begin by reminding us of what we already have?
4. What was most useful in this study and how will you apply it this week? What will you memorize?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS SERIES

Phil. 2:5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Phil. 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

- 7 *rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.*
- 8 *And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!*
- 9 *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,*
- 10 *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*
- 11 *and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*



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THE SCRIPTURES

Phil. 2:1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

TWO REMINDERS FOR THIS SERIES

1. One of the greatest OUTCOMES of humility is JOY.

J - Jesus O - Others Y - Yourself

2. When it comes to the difficult quality of HUMILITY, we have some wonderful EXAMPLES to follow.

PHILIPPIANS 2

1. After making three SHORT visits to Philippi over a several year period, this church had become a FAVORITE of Paul's.
 2. As he writes this letter to his friends, the ONLY concern that seems to be addressed is DISUNITY in the church.
 3. Philippians 2:1-11 has not only become a favorite of MANY, but it is also a theological MASTERPIECE. (*Some believe it to be a hymn or creed of the early church.*)

THE WHY — THEREFORE, IF, IF, IF, IF, THEN . . .

Phil. 2:1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete . . .

1. As is usually the case, the word THEREFORE is looking BACK to a point that has been made earlier. In this case, to the theme of UNITY four verses earlier.

Phil. 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

2. Then, Paul uses the word IF (εἴ τις, ei tis), or SINCE, four consecutive times to explain what ALL Christians can have.

Mar 4:23 If (εἴ τις, ei tis) any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

a. Since you have a PARTNER (παράκλησις, paraklēsis) or “a helper” from being united with Christ.

b. Since you have PEACE (πραμύθιον, paramythion) from the LOVE of Christ.

c. Since you have a PARTICIPATION (κοινωνία, koinōnia) in the WORK of the Holy Spirit.

d. Since you have PARTIALITY (tenderness and compassion, or “bowels and mercies”) from the Holy Spirit towards one ANOTHER.

3. THEN put all of that together in your relationships in the Body of Christ and make my joy COMPLETE (“nothing could make me happier”)!

AND HERE’S WHAT WE DO . . .

Phil. 2:2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Phil. 2:2 fulfil ye my joy, that ye may mind the same thing — having the same love — of one soul — minding the one thing, (Young’s)

1. We become FAVORABLE (genuine agreement). The word used for “like-minded” is phroneō (φρονέω) used 29 times in the New Testament but TEN of those times in this short letter. (This doesn’t mean that we agree on EVERY issue of doctrine or practice but that there is agreement on the ESSENTIALS.)

2. We share a deep FRIENDSHIP. The word used here is (ἀγάπη, agapē) which indicates that we love DEEPLY and refuse to be PETTY.

3. We become a FORCE because we are of “one SOUL.” This would indicate a selfless HARMONY.

Gen. 11:6 The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

4. We have one FOCUS (“minding the one thing”).

AND THE HOW?

Phil. 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

The How	
Attitude: Negative 1. We REJECT selfishness and “empty conceit.” Selfishness is all-consuming and is the CORE of all sin.	This is NOT about ME!
Attitude: Positive 2. We VALUE (consider, esteem or regard) others above ourselves. This must become a HABIT!	This is ABOUT him or her.
Action: Negative 3. We choose not to look to fulfill our own interests as the PRIORITY.	My wants and needs are NOT the highest priority HERE.
Action: Positive 4. We choose to look around to see how the interests of OTHERS can be FULFILLED.	His or her wants and needs will become my HIGHEST priority right now.
Attitude and Action: Positive 5. In our relationships specifically, we should have the MIND and PATTERN of Jesus (WDJD).	I will try to look at EACH person as JESUS might look at them.