

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS SERIES:

# *Joy in Christ*

Philippians 2:1-4

## **Am I a Selfish or Selfless Servant?**

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I want us to meditate on:

- The importance of unity in the church
- Don'ts and Do's of serving. Whose agenda do I serve?
- The importance of humility in the life of a servant of Christ





# The 'If' Clause

Philippians 2:1

- 'If' A is true then you must do B!
- If there is any consolation in Christ...Then make my joy full.
- If there is any comfort of Love... Then make my joy full.
- If there is any fellowship of the spirit... Then make my joy full.
- If there is any affection and mercy... Then make my joy full.



# Then do 4 things to complete Paul's Joy

Philippians 2:2

- They need to be Like Minded
- They need to have the same Love
- They need to be of one Accord
- They need a unity of Mind



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# Together in Unity





# Let Nothing be done through....

- Selfish Ambition
  - in Greek this is Eritheia – this speaks of a person who is not only selfish but someone who does not care who he/she hurts on the way to their goal. A person who is only concerned with his own welfare and ambitions
- Conceit
  - in Greek this is Kenodoxia comes from two words: Kenos meaning empty, vain or devoid of truth and Doxa meaning splendor this word is most often used to talk about God's glory but can be used to talk about human achievement. Kenodoxian in this context means empty glory, vain glory, glory that has no basis in fact.

# Dangers of Eritheia & Kenodoxia thinking

Destructive force that creates:

- Competition & rivalry
- Jealousy & envy
- Division
- Collateral damage
- People not fit to serve
- People who think like this are susceptible to expecting God to serve their interests rather than they serve God's.



# Let Everything be done in

- Lowliness of mind
  - in Greek Tapeinophrasune meaning lowly or humble
- Matthew 20:26-27
  - 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave
- Luke 14:11
  - For whoever exalts himself shall be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted





# What can we learn from

- I have a role to play in the unity of the church
- Humility is essential to the life of a servant
- Selfishness and conceit have no place in the church or the life of a believer.
- If I am a selfless servant, the needs of others should be as important to me as my own