

Living Ready – United With Christ

Philippians 2:1-4

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1. Christians Must Focus on the Right Resources.

Philippians 2:1

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-We Have Encouragement in Christ.

-We Have the Comfort of Christ's Love

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us

-We Have Fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Ephesians 4:3 – “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”

Galatians 5:22-23: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

-We Have Tenderness and Compassion.

Matthew 9:6 - When Christ looked at the crowds and saw them like sheep without a shepherd, he had compassion on them and went to minister to them.

2. Christians Must Develop Right Attitudes.

Philippians 2:2

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James 4:1 (NET)

“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?”

-Believers Must Have Same Thoughts.

Philippians 2:3 (NET)

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves”

-Believers Must Love One Another.

¹ John 3:16 - “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers”

-Believers Must Be Unified in Spirit.

-Believers Must Have the Same Purpose.

Philippians 1:27 (NET)

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 one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.

3. Christians Must Develop the Right Practices.

Philippians 2:3-4

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.

-Believers Must Practice Forsaking Selfish Ambition and Vain Conceit.

James 3:16 - “For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice”

-Believers Must Practice Humility.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

-Believers Must Look Out for the Interest of Others.

Hebrews 10:24- “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds”