



#3 "Humble"

Our Motivation:

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Philippians 2:1-2

- We Have ENCOURAGEMENT In Christ
- We Have COMFORT From His Love
- We Have PARTICIPATION In The Spirit
- We Share AFFECTION & SYMPATHY

The Two Attitudes That Always Lead To Disunity.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, Philippians 2:3

- SELFISH Ambition: eritheia (ἐριθεία)
- CONCEIT [Pride] kenodoksea' (κενοδοξία)

"... The essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind... it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began. ~C.S. Lewis~

The One Attitude That Safeguards Against Disunity

...but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

- HUMILITY

"Christ is the humility of God embodied in human nature; the Eternal Love humbling itself, clothing itself in the garb of meekness and gentleness, to win and serve and save us." ~Andrew Murray~

We Grow In Humility...

- By Reflecting On The CROSS
"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,..." Galatians 6:14
- By Submitting Yourself To The WORD of God
"These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word." Isaiah 66:2
- Through PRAYER
"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you" 1 Peter 5:6
- By SERVING Others
"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philip 2:4

Life Group Discussion Questions

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles . Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, to practically love one another, and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word.

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- Share with the group one thing that resonated with you from this weekend's sermon

Read Philippians 2:1-2

- Of the four motivations Paul gives for unity in the church a) Encouragement in Christ b) Comfort in love c) Participation in the Spirit d) Shared affection and sympathy. Which is the most compelling for you? Explain why.
- How did Paul say the Philippians could complete his joy?

Read Philippians 2:3-4

- The two negative attitudes that Paul describes as "selfish ambition" & "conceit" always create disunity. How have you seen them create disunity in your workplace, family or church?
- C.S.Lewis describes pride as "the greatest sin" Why do you think this is true?
- How have you seen pride at work in your own life? What additional scriptures can you think of that warn against pride?
- Do you find it challenging to avoid rivalry and to put the needs of others ahead of your own? If so why?
- Discuss the 4 ways we can grow in humility. What are some additional ways we can grow in humility?
- What practical steps can you take today to be more selfless and less selfish?

Read John 17:11-26 (Extra Credit ;-)

- What does Jesus prayer add to your understanding of true spiritual unity?

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