



“Humility, A Non-Negotiable For Keeping The Peace”

Part 1 of 1

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Big Idea:

Text: Philippians 2 (ESV)

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

I. PAUL’S AIM IS UNITY

Philippians 1:27, “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.”

Philippians 4:2 (NLT), “Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement.”

Ephesians 4:3 (NIV), “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Philippians 2:3, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”

II. SELFISHNESS DIVIDES TEAMS.

Matthew 12:25 (NIV), “Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.”

“The world says: ‘You have needs -- satisfy them. You have as much right as the rich and the mighty. Don't hesitate to satisfy your needs; indeed, expand your needs and demand more.’ This is the worldly doctrine of today. And they believe that this is freedom. The result for the rich is isolation and suicide, for the poor, envy and murder.” - **Fyodor Dostoyevsky**

James 3:16 (NLT), “For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.”

Philippians 2:4, “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

III. HUMILITY MULTIPLES GOODWILL.

Humility: An alertness to the needs of others coupled with a willingness to seek the good of the group

Romans 12:10, “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”

Be honest

Ephesians 4:25, “Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.”

Seek input from others

Philippians 2:4, “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Work hard to identify win-win scenarios

Romans 14:19, “So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

Pick your battles

Learn to surrender your agenda with a smile

1 Corinthians 13:4-5a, "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way..."

2 Corinthians 9:7b, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

God loves a cheerful giver.