



Joy in Humility

Phil 2:1-22: 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.

“What is it there for?”

Phil 1:27-28: 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 ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

Ecclesiastes 4:12: ¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

Phil 2:1-2, GNT: Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit, and you have kindness and compassion for one another.

Phil 2:2: “² then make my joy complete *by...*”

You are united with Christ
You are under His love
You are filled with His spirit
You are recipients of His grace

You are united with Christ → Unity of mind with others
You are under His love → Unity of love with others
You are filled with His spirit → Unity of spirit with others
You are recipients of His grace → Unity of mind with others

“Humility is the single greatest and most indispensable attribute of being a team player” – Patrick Lencioni

Phil 2:3-4, NIV: 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.

Phil 2:3-4, Msg: Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all. – CS Lewis, “Mere Christianity”

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.” – Rick Warren, Purpose Driven Life

Phil 2:5-8: ⁵ 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!

“By intentionally forcing themselves to compliment others, admit their mistakes and weaknesses, and take an interest in colleagues, employees can begin to experience the liberation of humility. This happens because they suddenly realize that focusing on others does not detract from their own happiness, but rather adds to it. After all, humility is the most attractive and central of all virtues.” - Patrick Lencioni

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

“How can I, in this moment, put their interests above my own”.

Phil 2:20: “I have no one else like him”

All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.