

Happiness

Part 3 – Being Happy in Your Relationships

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Humility...Harmony...Happiness (Philippians 2:1-11 NCV)

Philippians 2:2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. NIV

Four Types of Unity and Harmony

_____ harmony (like-minded)

_____ harmony (same love)

_____ harmony (one in spirit)

_____ harmony (one purpose)

Four Habits that Lead to Relational Happiness

1. Never let _____ take control.

Philippians 2:3a Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. NIV

Selfish ambition says: "it's all about me."

Vain conceit and arrogance says: "I'm always right and aren't I wonderful."

Philippians 2:3a Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. TLB

Philippians 2:3a Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, TEV

James 3:16 For wherever there is jealousy or selfish ambition, there will be disorder and every other kind of evil. TLB

2. Let _____ control you.

Philippians 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. NLT

Humility is not thinking less of yourself.

Humility is thinking of yourself *less.*

James 4:6b God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. NIV

3. Learn the lost art of _____.

Because of technology we pay attention to screens more than we pay attention to people.

Philippians 2:4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. NLT

4. Develop the _____ of Jesus.

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

Philippians 2:5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. NLT

“What would Jesus do?”

a. Acting like Jesus means: I don't demand what I think I deserve.

Philippians 2:6-7 who, though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. TLB

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b. Acting like Jesus means: I look for ways to serve.

Philippians 2:7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. NIV

Phil 2:9-11 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor... NLT

You will either bow and confess before Jesus in *love now*, or you will do it in *judgment later*.

The most powerful phrase in the universe is “Jesus is Lord.”

Assign: Ask yourself...Am I dealing with my pride? Am I focusing on others? Am I giving my full attention to the ones I love? Am I cultivating humility in my life?