

Unlocking the Good Life

A series in Philippians

Serving Others
Philippians 2:1-11



^{NIV} **Philippians 1:1-4**

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. **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.



Joy in Putting Others First

1. We are to seek unity by serving as we have been served by others



^{NIV} **Philippians 2:5-8**

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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!



^{NIV} **Philippians 2:9-11**

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every

name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus
Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.



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Honour Race

Encomium → Speeches written to honour those
in civil leadership

Publius Marius Valens, son of Publius, from the
tribe Voltinia, honored with decorations of a
decurion, aedile, also decurion of Philippi, priest
of the divine Antominus Pius, duumvir, sponsor of
games.

As quoted in Joseph Hellerman's *Philippians* EGGNT commentary

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The Shame of the Cross

Let the very name of the cross be far away not only from the body of a Roman citizen, but even from his thoughts, his eyes, his ears.

- *Cicero*

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^{NIV} **Isaiah 45:23-24**

³ By myself I have sworn,
my mouth has uttered in all integrity
a word that will not be revoked:

Before me every knee will bow;
by me every tongue will swear.

²⁴ They will say of me, ‘In the Lord alone
are deliverance and strength.’”

All who have raged against him
will come to him and be put to shame.



Joy in Putting Others First

1. We are to seek unity by serving as we have been served by others
2. We are to seek unity by serving as we have been served by Christ
 - By emptying ourselves of our status
 - With the hope that we will be glorified with Christ

