

THE SENSIBILITY OF HUMILITY

The Habits of Happiness: Part 3

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Philippians 2:1-11

*“Pride leads to arguments; be humble, take advice, and become wise.”
(Proverbs 13:10, The Living Bible)*

HARMONY CREATES HAPPINESS

“make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.” (Philippians 2:2, NASB95)

HOW TO REDUCE CONFLICT WITH OTHERS

1. NEVER LET PRIDE BE MY GUIDE.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,” (Philippians 2:3, NIV)

- **SELFISH AMBITION:**

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

“But when you follow your own wrong inclinations, your lives will produce these evil results: ...hatred and fighting, jealousy and anger, constant effort to get the best for yourself, complaints and criticisms, the feeling that everyone else is wrong except those in your own little group...” (Galatians 5:19–21, The Living Bible)

- **VAIN CONCEIT:**

“...don’t live to make a good impression on others...” (The Living Bible)

“Don’t do anything...from a cheap desire to boast...” (GNB)

2. BE HUMBLE OR I’LL STUMBLE.

“...Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3, NLT)

“...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6, NLT)

3. PUT OTHERS FIRST.

“Don’t be concerned only about your own interests, but also be concerned about the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4, GW)

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23, NLT)

4. ASK, “WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?”

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.” (Philippians 2:5, NLT)

ACTING LIKE JESUS MEANS...

SURRENDER MY RIGHTS TO AVOID MOST FIGHTS

“though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God,” (Philippians 2:6, The Living Bible)

FOCUS ON HOW I CAN SERVE OVER TRYING TO GET WHAT I DESERVE

“When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave...” (Philippians 2:7, The Message)

BECOME WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE

“And when he was living as a man, he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death—death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:8, NCV)

THE REWARD

“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9–11, NLT)

ACTION:
Take your next step!



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