

<sup>27</sup> Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> not being frightened in any way by your opponents.

Philippians 1:27-28a, CSB

This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation—and this is from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have.

Philippians 1:28b-30, CSB

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Philippians 2:1-4, CSB

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“Today Christians, and many others, praise humility as a virtue. This was not the case in the Roman world; there was virtually no difference between humility and humiliation — both ended with the reality of low status. Paul’s call for humility is unprecedented in the ethics of his day; no self-respecting Gentile would concede that humility is a virtue.

- Lynn Cohick

If unity is undergirded by humility,  
then disunity is undergirded by ego

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3. For the Sake of Unity, Pursue Humility and Resist  
Pride

1. How can you evaluate whether they're driven by selfish motives or Kingdom purposes? What would it look like to redirect your ambitions toward "being a blessing to others for the glory of God"?
2. How do you balance pursuing reconciliation with maintaining healthy boundaries?
3. What are some concrete ways you can practice humility in your daily relationships, work, or family life?