

Seventeen Reasons for Fact-Based Joy: A Study In Philippians

Reason 7: The Joy of Practical Humility

Philippians 2:1–4

The Lord's Day Morning

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The seventh reason on which our joy is based is the humility that grows in the lives of believers as they grow in their understanding of God's love for them. When we are overwhelmed with the reality that we did nothing and he did everything for our salvation, and that "he who began a good work in [us] will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6), we will see ourselves as we are, totally helpless and deeply loved. In the end, our happiness rises in proportion to our humility. Here are the ABC's of practical humility:

1. A _____ of God's approval forms the basis of my _____ (1).
2. B _____ self-promotion reveals an idolatrous _____ (2,3).
3. C _____ in God's approval frees me to serve with _____ (4).