

LOVING PEOPLE LIKE PAUL
Philippians 2:25-30

1. Acknowledge the strengths of others

Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; (25)

2. Accept the distinctions of others

since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. (26)

3. Affirm the worth of others

For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. (27-28)

4. Appreciate the sacrifices of others

Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me. (29-30)