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## **Herman Edwards**

“The players that play on this football team will play for the name on the side of the helmet and not the name on the back of the jersey.”

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**Philippians 4:2**

“I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.”

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## Philippians 2:1-4

1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

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**Theme:** How to keep unity in  
your relationships and walk in  
the footsteps your Savior

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**"Toddler's Rules of Possession."**

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my hand, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must NEVER appear to be yours in anyway.
6. If I'm doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks just like mine, it is mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

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**James 4:1-2**

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel

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**Mark 8:34**

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.



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1. Kill all selfishness in your life  
(v 3.a)

*Do nothing from selfishness or  
empty conceit...*

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2. Believe others are more  
important (v. 3b)

*...but with humility of mind  
regard one another as more  
important than yourselves*

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3. Make their needs your priority

(v. 4)

*"...do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others"*

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**Mark 10:45**

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

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4. Follow the example of Christ  
(v.5-11)

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## **Charles Spurgeon**

“Selfishness, is as foreign to  
Christianity as darkness to light”

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## **Conclusion:**

1. Be respectful when there are differences in preferences:
  - a. In your thinking (We are made different in the image of God)
  - b. In your facial expressions (body language/70% communication)
  - c. In your words (Ps. 19:14)
  - d. In your tone (Prov. 15:1 & 16:21)
  
2. When things don't go your way, remember:
  - a. Life doesn't revolve around you (Rom. 11:36, 2 Cor. 5:14-15)
  - b. We plan but God directs our steps (Prov. 16:9)
  - c. God is good & withholds nothing good from you (Ps. 84:11)