



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Embracing the Mind of Christ in a Divided World**
Series: **The Radical Guide to Joy**
Text: **Philippians 2:1-11**
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*“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves (live as Citizens of heaven) in **a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.**” (Phil. 1:27)*

HOW TO LIVE CHRIST in a DIVIDED CULTURE?

1. PURSUE _____

Therefore **if you have any** encouragement from being united with Christ, **if any comfort** from his love, **if any** common sharing in the Spirit, **if any** tenderness and compassion, (Php 2:1).

then **make my joy complete** by being like-minded, having the same love, **being one in spirit and of one mind.** (Php 2:2).

Unity doesn't happen by accident. It grows where humility replaces rivalry and self-interest gives way to service.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, **in humility value others above yourselves**, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you **to the interests of the others.** (Php 2:3–4).

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of **the same mind in the Lord.** (Php 4:2).

Imagine what would happen **if every time a conflict started to brew**, God's people stopped and asked,

“Am I trying to be _____, or am I trying to _____?”

Am I looking out for my _____, or am I looking out for the _____ of others?

2. PRACTICE _____

THE GREATEST EXAMPLE - _____!!

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:



6 Who, **being in very nature God**,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped (be used to his own
advantage),
7 but **made himself nothing**,
taking **the very nature** of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and **became obedient** to death—
even death on a cross!
(Php 2:5–8)

Imagine what would happen if every ministry team, every classroom, every family at said,

“ _____ .”

3. PARTNER WITH GOD’S _____



Therefore God **exalted him to the highest place**
and gave him the name that is **above every name**,
10 that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and **every tongue acknowledge** that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
(Php 2:9–11).

- In **God’s kingdom, the way up is down**. Humility isn’t loss; it’s the pathway to glory. When we humble ourselves before God, **He lifts us up in due time**.

The pattern is the same:

- _____ : from the pit to the palace.
- _____ : from the cave to the crown.
- _____ : from the cross to the throne.