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## THE SECRET OF JOY

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*PHILIPPIANS 2:2-8*

*Philippians 2:2, "Make my joy complete."*

**COMPLETE JOY HAPPENS WHEN THE FAITH OF JOY, UNTIES WITH THE FEELINGS OF JOY.**

**LET'S COMPARE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH TO YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH.**

**THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ EQUATION.**

*There is the \_\_\_\_\_ side.*

*And then there is the \_\_\_\_\_ side.*

**IF YOUR EXPENSES EXCEED YOUR INCOME THEN YOU WILL HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_.**

Most people want to focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the problem.

Almost always the solution to financial problems is to work on the \_\_\_\_\_ side.

**THERE ARE TWO SIDES OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ EQUATION.**

There is the \_\_\_\_\_ side. (Think expenses)

And then there is the \_\_\_\_\_ side. (Think income)

**IF YOUR EXPECTATIONS EXCEED YOUR EXPERIENCE THEN YOU WILL ALWAYS RUN AN \_\_\_\_\_.**

Most people want to focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the problem, (which is like focusing on the income side of finance).

The spirit leads us to deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the emotions.

**I. HOW DO I \_\_\_\_\_ MY EXPECTATIONS?**

I MUST DEAL WITH MY \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 2:3–4 (NASB95)*

*<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from SELFISHNESS*

I MUST HONESTLY EVALUATE MY \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 2:3–4 (NASB95)*

*<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfishness or EMPTY CONCEIT*

*Romans 12:3 (NLT)*

*... Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.*

I MUST SEEK \_\_\_\_\_

*Philippians 2:3–4 (NASB95)*

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

*Humility is not thinking less of yourself.*

*Humility is thinking of yourself less.*

*Humility is Self-less.”*

*Philippians 2:4 (NASB95)*

*<sup>4</sup>do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ MYSELF

*Philippians 2:5-8 (NASB95)*

*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

HE DID NOT EMPY HIS \_\_\_\_\_. HE EMPTIED HIMSELF OF \_\_\_\_\_.

*Lightfoot said, “He stripped himself of the insignia of majesty.”*

*Colossians 2:9 (NLT)*

*For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.*

*John 14:9 (NLT)*

*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!*

*John 1:14 (NASB95)*

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory*

*as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**THERE IS NO HUMAN EQUIVALENCE OF THE SACRIFICE THAT COMPARES TO THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Philippians 2:6–8 (NASB95)*

*Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

**JESUS DIVESTED HIMSELF OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF HEAVEN AND WENT THROUGH THE HUMILIATION OF BEING MISTUNDERSTOOD AND CRUCIFIED.**

*Max Lucado said, "Remember heaven is not foreign to Jesus. He is the only person to live on earth AFTER he had lived in heaven."<sup>1</sup>*

## **II. WHAT WILL THESE CHANGED EXPECTATIONS \_\_\_\_\_?**

Here's what happens when you stop making life be about you.

**YOU WILL FIND \_\_\_\_\_ IN RELATIONSHIPS**

**YOU WILL BECOME MORE \_\_\_\_\_**

**YOU WILL MAKE JESUS MORE \_\_\_\_\_**

**YOU WILL BRING \_\_\_\_\_ TO OTHERS**

**YOU WILL FEEL MORE \_\_\_\_\_**

*Matthew 16:25 (NLT)*

*If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.*

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<sup>1</sup> Max Lucado, *Just Like Jesus* 159.