

A Better Way to Live

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Passages: Matthew 18:3–4, Luke 14:11, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Philippians 4:2, Philippians 2:1-13

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Are we living in a pursuit of a self- focused life or a Jesus-focused life?

Matthew 18:3–4

Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 14:11

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

2 Corinthians 12:7

Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!

2 Corinthians 12:8

Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Philippians 4:2

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

What do you think is at the center of a church brawl?

Humility is necessary to resolve conflict.

Philippians 2:1

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.

Humility is necessary to establish unity.

Philippians 2:2

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

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Humility is necessary to become Jesus focused.

Philippians 2:5

Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus,

Philippians 2:6-7

Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:8

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

Philippians 2:9-10

For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name, which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Philippians 2:11

And that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Humility is necessary for salvation and sanctification.

Philippians 2:12

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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