

# PHILIPPIANS - THE KEYS TO RELEASING OUR JOY

## Lesson 6

Review: *We see how pride can imprison the joy we should experience from our relationships, our spiritual growth, and the ministry we should both give and receive of others. Because God "resist the proud, but giveth grace to the humble", the joy that accompanies God's grace is absent. James 4:5-8*

### RESCUING OUR JOY FROM THE PRISON OF PRIDE - Part 2

#### I. WE MUST HAVE A HEART THAT IS HONESTLY HUMBLE

- A) There is a humility that is FALSE - self-deceiving
- B) There is a humility that is FAULTY - self-demeaning
- C) There is a humility that comes from FAITH - self-diminishing

#### II. HOW FAITH HELPS OUR HEART TOWARDS HUMILITY - Phil. 2:4-8

- A) By faith, my priorities must be REVERSED - vs. 4
- B) By faith, my perception must be RENEWED - vs. 5  
Mind / *Phroneo* - to assign and exercise the mind earnestly in a certain direction
- C) By faith, my privileges and rights must be RELINQUISHED - vs. 6
- D) By faith, I must not promote my own REPUTATION - vs. 7a
  - 1) By cultivating men's admiration of my ATTAINMENTS - vs. 7b
    - a) Any POSITION I've attained
    - b) Any PRESTIGE I've attained
    - c) Any PROSPERITY I've attained
  - 2) By cultivating men's admiration of my APPEARANCE - vs. 7c
    - a) As a man, Jesus might appear to some as INSIGNIFICANT
- E) By faith, I must purpose daily that my will is REJECTED - vs. 8
  - a) That I might RESOLVE myself to obey God's will
  - b) That I might RESIGN myself to accept God's ways
- F) By faith, I must permit the Lord to determine the RESULTS - vs. 9-11
  - a) The MEANS
  - b) The METHODS
  - c) The MEASURES