

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

searching for

 joy

🔍 **recipe for disaster**

SELFISHNESS

🔍 **to find joy**

you need
HUMILITY

big hope

helping prepare emotionally and spiritually for the Thanksgiving-Christmas whirlwind

big idea

festive meals, family gatherings, giving and receiving—
all are dress rehearsal for eternity

big warning

anything spiritually significant will likely be spiritually opposed

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-2

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:2-3

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life

 **what can steal your joy?**

disunity and **division**
in your relationships

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in **humility** value others above ourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Ambition isn't the problem

(we need to live with ambition)

the issue is selfish ambition & conceit

humility

is not

x humble brag

x being passive or people pleasing

x thinking lowly of yourself

humility

*is looking to the interests
of others before yourself*

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself;
it's thinking of yourself less." - CS Lewis

EXAMPLE AND MINDSET OF JESUS

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

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⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

**as followers of Jesus,
we grow in humility
by reflecting on the humility of Jesus**

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

⁹ 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.

your humility will never be forgotten by God

He sees it and will reward you

in your relationships

Where is there disunity?

Where is joy lacking?

Is it because you aren't living with humility?