

The Key to the Others-Centered Life

¹ Don't just please yourself	¹⁰ Please your neighbor for his good / to build him up
² Don't seek your own good/profit	¹¹ Seek the good of your neighbor
³ Love does not seek its own	¹² Make yourself a slave for the spiritual good of others
⁴ Don't consider your life as something you must hold on to for yourself	¹³ Please all men in all things, seeking their spiritual profit
⁵ Don't turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh	¹⁴ Through love serve one another
⁶ Do nothing from selfishness (Phil. 2:3)	¹⁵ Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Phil. 2:3)
⁷ Don't merely pay close attention to what is in your own best interest (Phil. 2:4)	¹⁶ Pay close attention to what is in the best interest of others (Phil. 2:4)
⁸ Don't close your heart against the brethren	¹⁷ Share not only the gospel but also your own life with others
⁹ Don't live to be served	¹⁸ Live to serve
	¹⁹ Endure all things for the spiritual good of others
	²⁰ Spend and be spent for the souls of others
	²¹ Lay down your life for the brethren



[no] empty conceit, but 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.

It is _____ that makes us _____.

Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

(Phil. 1:27, 2:5)

The Challenges for the Philippians

Philippians 1:27-30 *Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;* ²⁸ *in no way alarmed by your opponents-- which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.* ²⁹ *For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,* ³⁰ *experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.*

Philippians 3:1-3
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The Vision for the Philippians

27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ

so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

- *standing firm*
- *one spirit*
- *with one mind*
- *striving*
- *together*

“with one mind and spirit, standing firm and striving side-by-side”

Philippians 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

“with one mind and spirit and love, standing firm and striving side-by-side for the same purpose”

The Motivation for this Vision

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,

Encouragement in Christ

“Does your life in Christ speak to your heart with a persuasive eloquence?”

Consolation of love

Fellowship of the Spirit

Affection and compassion

The Heart of the Others-Centered Life

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