

III. BE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ IN PEOPLE (1:9-11)

A. Relationship Problem #3:

People talk to \_\_\_\_\_ about people rather than talk to \_\_\_\_\_ about people.

B. The Answer:

*“bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.”* Luke 6:28

Pray specifically that the people in your life will...

- increase in \_\_\_\_\_ (v 9)
- make wise \_\_\_\_\_ (v 10a)
- do the right \_\_\_\_\_ (v 10b)
- live for God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v 11)

**JOY NEGATIVITY KILLER DECLARATION**

“I choose joy today in relationships!!”



**Building Greater Relationships**

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**INTRODUCTION**

A. Have you lost your joy in a negative world? Joy is a negativity killer!! God is the source of true joy. No matter what challenges you face or even suffer, He will provide extreme joy in your life!

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”*  
Philippians 4:4

B. The book of Philippians is my favorite book of the Bible because it is a:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Book – It tells a lot about the apostle Paul.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Book – It deals with relevant issues.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Book – It tells how to enjoy the rest of your life. The word joy in some form appears \_\_\_\_\_ times in this book. This is especially amazing when you consider the fact that Paul wrote this book from a prison cell.

C. In this series, we will look to God’s Word to see how you can unleash your joy in different areas of your life.

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**D. Text:** Philippians 1:1-11 (Pew Bible/Page 201/New Test.)  
**HOW TO BUILD GREATER RELATIONSHIPS**

**I. BE \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT THE \_\_\_\_\_ IN PEOPLE (1:1-5)**

**A. Relationship Problem #1:**

People tend to focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ in people and ignore the good in people.

**B. The Answer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ to focus on the good in people.

*“9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.  
10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.” James 3:9-10*

Background: Acts 16

**II. BE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE \_\_\_\_\_ IN PEOPLE (1:6-8)**

**MEMORY VERSE**

*“being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;” Philippians 1:6*

**A. Relationship Problem #2:**

People judge others by how far they have to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than how far they have \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The Answer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ people for the growth in their lives and recognize that everyone is still “under construction”.

*“Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.” Proverbs 27:2*

God does a two-fold work in our lives which is as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ – the work God does \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
*“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,  
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*  
Ephesians 2:8-9

- \_\_\_\_\_ – the work God does \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
*“3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;  
4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,”*  
I Thessalonians 4:3-4