

Killing the Joy Killers

Message Handout

Philippians 2:1-11 (NLT) - **1** Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? **2** Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. **3** Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. **4** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **5** You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. **6** Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. **7** Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, **8** he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. **9** Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:1-2 (NLT) - **1** Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? **2** Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT) - **3** Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. **4** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Paul gives us three joy killers:

- Joy-killer #1 - Strife
- Joy-killer #2 - Seeking attention and praise
- Joy-killer #3 - Self-interest and exaltation

Paul gives us three joy-savers:

- Joy-saver #1 - SUBMIT - "Humble yourself."
- Joy-saver #2 - SERVE - "Honor others."
- Joy-saver #3 - SACRIFICE - "Help others."

Philippians 2:5-11 (NASB95) - 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. **8** Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Watch how Jesus did it!

- He had it all, but He let it go
- He SUBMITTED himself to God and humanity.
- He SERVED in the most menial way.
- He SACRIFICED His desires and his life.

Watch how God did it!

- God lifted Him up
- God gave Him a title
- God gave Him authority
- God gave Him glory

Let's make it simple:

1. SUBMIT
2. SERVE
3. SACRIFICE