

2016 – Summer of Joy
Finding Joy in the Strangest Places (Philippians)
“Finding Joy in Attitudes”
July 31, 2016

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, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

humility: the quality or state of not thinking you are better than other people: the quality or state of being humble

mindset: a particular way of thinking : a person's attitude or set of opinions about something

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

1 Peter 5:5b (NIV)
Proverbs 3:34 quoted

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:10 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)