

Philippians: Chapter 2

- V. 3 – “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;”
 - SC: Look over to the right it says “contentiousness” and I like that word better. Because contention is someone who’s always stirring up conflict and problems. That’s different from “selfishness”. And contentiousness corresponds much more equally with “empty conceit”. “Contention” and “conceit” are in the same bed. Whereas “selfishness” may not be. There are different forms and flavors of selfishness, and some are not bad, but many of them are.
 - SC: “But with humility of mind” (huge phrase – that’s an attitude) “let each of you regard one another as more important than himself”. So that’s **the definition of humility**.
- V. 4 – “Don’t just look out for your own interests, but also the interests of others.”
 - SC: Consider other people. So this is huge.
 - #1) Don’t do anything out of empty conceit.
 - #2) Have a humble mind, which puts others up there with yourself; considering others, not just yourself. Verse 4 affirms that
 - #3) Verse 5 – Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus
- V. 7 – “He emptied himself” SC: Laid aside His privileges (is what the right margin says) – that’s kind of neat. “Taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men.”
- V. 8 – “Being found in the appearance as a man, He humbled Himself [watch this] by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
 - Dad: **So obedience and humility are linked right there. And I can assure you that the antithesis of this: pride and rebellion are linked. So remember that; that’s a huge principle.**
- V. 9 – “Therefore also, God exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.
- V. 10 – “...so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess, on heaven and on earth that Jesus Christ is Lord.”
- V. 12 – “So then, my beloved brethren, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out (or “live out”) your salvation with fear (respect) and trembling (awe).” (SC: Respect and awe lead to fear and trembling).
- V. 13 – “...for it is God who is at work in you both to will and to work for good pleasure.”
- V. 14 – [SC: This is huge] “Do all (circle the word “all”) things without grumbling or disputing”
 - SC: I can’t stand grumbling or disputing to this day, because it is so wrong and so bad and so sinful, especially when you’ve been given so many blessings.
- V. 15 – “...that you may become [SC: it says “prove yourselves to be”; but over in the left margin it says “become” and I like that a lot better] blameless and innocent children of God, above reproach.”

- SC: Watch this. So if you do things without grumbling or disputing, it puts you above any reproach, any accusations.
- “...in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation...”
 - SC: In other words, it puts you above the fray; above all the crooked and perverse people out there who try to tear you down and ruin you and your reputation.
 - You do things without grumbling, disputing, without gossiping and tearing others down...
 - “Among all these people **you shine** (is literally what that means) as luminaries, as stars, as light in this world.”
 - SC: So this is all about how you should conduct yourself, day in and day out.
- V. 16 – “...holding fast the word of life (SC: **HUGE phrase, you should memorize it**)
- V. 21 – “For they will seek after their own interest, not those of Christ.”