

- You do what's right even when it's **costly**.
"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." Philippians 2:8
*"8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,"* Hebrews 5:8-9

V. REMEMBER THE **REWARD**

*"9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Philippians 2:9-11

- Piety precedes **promotion**.
"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 14:11
- In God's economy the way up is **down**.
"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." James 4:10

JOY
Beyond Happiness
The Secret Of Joy In Conflict
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INTRODUCTION

- A. Have you lost your joy in a negative world? God is the source of true joy. No matter what circumstances you face, He will provide extreme joy in your life!

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

Joy is an internal choice of hope based on my belief in Jesus Christ.

- B. The book of Philippians is my favorite book of the Bible:
- It is a **personal** book that reveals a lot about Paul.
 - It is a **practical** book that deals with relevant issues.
 - It is a **positive** book that focuses on joy.
- C. In this powerful study of the book of Philippians, you'll discover the difference between happiness and joy, and how you can experience the lasting joy that God wants for your life.

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- D. **Text:** Philippians 2:1-11(Pew Bible/Page 203/New Test.)

GO BEYOND HAPPINESS AND CHOOSE #JOY

THE SECRET OF JOY IN CONFLICT

The secret to joy in conflict is **harmony**.

Four types of harmony:

- **Mental** – one mind.
- **Emotional** – one heart.
- **Directional** – one plan.
- **Spiritual** – one will of God.

I. STRIVE FOR **UNITY**

“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” Philippians 2:1-2

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Eph. 4:32

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men” Romans 12:18

II. NEVER LET **PRIDE** BE YOUR GUIDE

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” Philippians 2:3

Humility is not valuing yourself less, but others more.

“By pride comes nothing but strife, ...” Proverbs 13:10a

“A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.” Proverbs 15:1

“The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.” Proverbs 19:11

III. PAY **ATTENTION** TO OTHERS

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

We often pay more attention to screens than the people around us.

“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;” Romans 12:10

IV. ALWAYS ASK: WHAT WOULD **JESUS** DO?

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,” Philippians 2:5

“8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” Romans 5:8-11

- You don't demand your **rights**.

“who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,” Philippians 2:6

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;” Colossians 2:9

- You look for ways to **serve**.

“but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.”

Philippians 2:7

“just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28