

Today's Theme

"Emulators For Real"

Series Title

"Finding Joy In Life" Part 9

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God's Way To Live In Harmony

1. **Refuse to allow yourself to live *selfish*.**
2. **Don't live *life* to be *honored* by others.**
3. **Don't *focus* on the *weakness* of others.**
4. **Value the *dreams & desires* of others.**
5. **Look to Jesus *closely & emulate* Him.**

Phil 2:5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

How Do We *Be Like* Him?

1. **Refuse to *demand* my *rights*.**

Phil 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

2. **See myself as a *servant* of others.**

Phil 2:7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Mark 9:33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." 36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

John 13:15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. Matthew 20:20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 21 "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." 22 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. 23 Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." 24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

3. **Sacrifice for the *benefit* of others.**

Phil 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Eph 5:1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Hebrews 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. 16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.