Today's Theme

"How to Live Out Harmony"

Series Title

"Finding Joy In Life" Part 8

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God's Way To Live In Harmony

1. Refuse to allow yourself to live selfish.

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition . . . Matt 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

- (1) One who advances themselves by any means.
- (2) Refusing S is about what we focus on.

2. Don't live life to be honored by others.

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of vain conceit . . . James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

- (1) VC = We live for self promotion & ego.
- (2) Either we live to promote self or God & others.

3. Don't focus on the weakness of others.

Phil 2:3 . . . Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

- (1) Without humility harmony isn't possible.
- (2) Treat others better than you treat yourself.

4. Value the dreams & desires of others.

Phil 2:4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Gal 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Eph 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

- (1) Everybody wants to be loved & valued.
- (2) Problem is we want to be *loved* & *valued*.