



AN EPISTLE OF JOY:
PHILIPPIANS

2. Humility, Service, and Love

Chapter 2:1-2



If, therefore, there is any
comfort in Christ, any consolation from
love, any partnership in the Spirit, any
tender affection and sympathy,
² make my joy complete: be of the same
mind, having the same love, being in full
accord and of one mind.

Chapter 2:3-5



Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in **humility** regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the **same mind** be in you that was in Christ Jesus... →

Chapter 2:6-8



who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but **EMPTIED** himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he **HUMBLED** himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. →

Chapter 2:9-11



Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the NAME that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.



*What on earth does
the Energizer Bunny
have to do with
Philippians???*

(Did our teacher just lose it???)

Chapter 2:12-13



Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, **work on** your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is **at work in** you, enabling you both to will and to **work** for his good pleasure.



"It is God who is at work in you"

THE VERB HERE!

ἐνεργέω (*energeo*)

"to energize"

See Paul in Galatians 5:6 too!

"For in Christ...the only thing that counts is faith working [effectively] through love."

Chapter 2:14-16



Do all things without murmuring and arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world, ¹⁶ holding forth the word of life so that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Chapter 2:17-18



But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with all of you; ¹⁸ in the same way also you should rejoice and rejoice together with me.

Chapter 2:19-22



I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I, too, may be consoled by news of you. ²⁰ I have no one so like myself who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare....²² But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.

Chapter 2:25-27



Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—my brother and coworker and fellow soldier, (and) your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for all of you and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. →

Chapter 2:27-30



But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again...honor such people, ³⁰ because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life...

To Take Home...



"For Reflection on Philippians 2:5-11"

“The Shadow of Death”

William Holman Hunt
(1873-1874)

