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**Unity is a vision.**

**Our practices make it a reality.**

## Philippians 1:27

**"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel"**







**If you want unity, give up.**

**(Unity isn't impossible, but it isn't free.)**



**If you want unity, practice humility.**



# The humility principle

**Give up what's yours.**



## Philippians 2:1 – 2

**Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.**





## Philippians 2:3 – 4

**Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.  
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,  
not looking to your own interests but each of you to  
the interests of the others.**





**A humble person seeks the good of others at his/her own expense.**

**A conceited person seeks his/her own good at the expense of others.**

**Humility will cost you.  
Conceit will cost those around you.**





## **Philippians 2:5 – 8**

**In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:**

**Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be  
used to his own advantage...**





## **Philippians 2:5 – 8**

**..rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!**





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# Humility in practice

3 costly practices that sustain unity



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# Philippians 2:14 – 15

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**Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation."  
Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.**





# Self-centered speech

**Grumbling = "I deserve better!"**

**Arguing = "I am right!"**





# Humility in practice

**1) Be quiet.**

**2) Be a peacemaker.**





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Don't make peace with a lack of peace  
*between others*



## Philippians 4:2 – 3

**I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel**





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**Prayer is the antidote to anxiety.**





## Philippians 4:4 – 7

**Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**





**Unity is worth the cost.**

**The humble will be exalted in unity.**



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