

REGARD ONE ANOTHER

Philippians 2:3-8

God wants us to be a considerate and appealing congregation

I. PRESCRIPTIONS - Philippians 2:3-8

A. BE CARING (3-4)

1. The Mandate (3a)
 - a. No selfishness: Striving to advance oneself by any means
 - b. No empty conceit: A contemptible presumptuousness
 - One that craves honor and prestige due to a highly exaggerated view of themselves
2. The Mindset (3b-4)
 - a. Be humble: Not focused on one's abilities and accomplishments
 - b. Be helpful
 - 1) Consider other's importance (3b)
 - Enumerate and magnify their virtues
 - 2) Consider other's interests (4)
 - Take special note of their opinions, perspectives and goals

B. BE CHRISTLIKE (5-8)

1. The Command (5)
 - a. Adopt this attitude
 - b. Think like this! (Literally: This think!)
 - By nature we want to think for ourselves, by ourselves, about ourselves - Exp: Cain
2. The Conditions
 - a. Giving up privilege (6)
 - b. Giving up power (7a)
 - c. Giving up prominence (7b)
 - d. Giving up position (7c)
 - e. Giving up propriety (8)
3. The Conclusion: Demonstrating a willingness to be demoted

C. BE COMPLIANT (Application)

1. Sincerely care about others
 - How can I help you? - What are you concerned about?
2. Considerately assist others
 - What can I help you accomplish?
3. Completely adopt Christ-likeness
 - Yielding by stepping down

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II. PROHIBITIONS

A. NO RUTHLESSNESS - Galatians 5:14-15

1. The real danger of a vicious disregard for each other whereby you destroy each other
2. The potential for going to unexpected extremes which finally results in cannibalism!

B. NO COMBATIVENESS - Galatians 5:26

1. Challenging one another > Picking a fight - See I Cor. 6:6
2. Envyng one another > Jealousy is the fertilizer for every evil thing - See James 3:13-16

C. NO DECEPTIVENESS - Colossians 3:9-10

1. Deliberately presenting falsehood in order to mislead or deceive
- Note Acts 5:3 & John 8:44
2. When we lie we take up the evil garment we had put off

D. NO MALICIOUSNESS - James 4:11

1. To speak evil means to speak harshly or critically in order to influence others against the subject - See Acts 14:2 for an example
2. When we loudly express hostility (blab!) we ignore the law of love in James 2:8

E. NO GRUMBLINESS - James 5:9

1. To complain is to groan because of the undesirable circumstances or oppression under which an individual suffers. > It's your fault!
2. An irritability that results in fault-finding - Read Gen. 3:11-13

F. NO DISREGARD (Application)

1. Seek to speak what is acceptable to the Lord - Psalm 19:14
2. Pray for God to guard our mouths - Psalm 141:3
3. Be careful to engage in good deeds - Titus 3:8

CONCLUSION:

God wants us to be a considerate congregation

- *Might each of us seek to rightly regard one another*
- *Read Colossians 3:12-15*

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