

JOY

For The Rest Of Your Life

“People of Honor and Joy”

Philippians 2:19-30

Of Timothy: *“I have no one else like him”*

Of Ephaphroditus: *“Welcome him with great joy and honor men like him...”*

BECOMING A PERSON OF HONOR AND JOY

1. Practice being **COMPASSIONATE**

“I have no one else like him who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interest.” Philippians 2:20-21

What does it cost to be kind? What does it cost not to?

Example: Luke 10:30-36 The Good Samaritan

Compassion puts **PEOPLE** before profit

2. Practice being **CONSISTENT**

“You know that Timothy has proved himself...” Philippians 2:22

Example: Timothy “honors God” **INTEGRITY**

“The man of integrity walks securely.” Proverbs 10:9

Consistent people put **CHARACTER** before conformity

3. Practice **COOPERATION**

“I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, my fellow worker and a fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.” Philippians 2:25

Honor and joy value cooperation over **COMPETITION**

Cooperation is seen in three ways:

- 1) We are **FAMILY** “My brother...”
- 2) We are a **FELLOWSHIP** “fellow workers”
- 3) We are in a **FIGHT** “fellow soldier”

4. Practice **COMMITMENT**

"(Epaphroditus) ..it was your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs...he was ill and almost died." Philippians 2:22,25

Honor and Joy come to those who put the **CAUSE OF CHRIST** before comfort

"It will always cost you to follow Christ. It will cost you more not to."

5. Practice having **COURAGE**

"Welcome him in the Lord with great joy and honor, because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me." Philippians 2:29-30

Risking his life:

Romans 12:1 *"Offer yourselves as living sacrifices..."*

Honor and joy from putting **SERVICE** before security