

KINDNESS OVERCOMING SELFISHNESS

Philippians 2:1-11

BEING OF ONE SPIRIT AND OF ONE MIND

*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.**”*

As a church, we must align ourselves with the will, the way and the Word of God.

Jesus gives us two commandments: in the New Testament: **LOVE GOD AND LOVE OTHERS.**

Colossians 3:12 “Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”

Do our lives reflect the fruits of the Spirit?

WE MUST BE HUMBLE SERVANTS

Philippians 2:3-8 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. 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; 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!”.

Humility is not thinking less of us, but thinking of ourselves less.

John 3:30 “He must become greater; I must become less.”

John 13:14-15 "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

Proverbs 11:17 ^{“17} A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself.”

Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Being kind benefit others, but it also benefits ourselves. It does our souls well to be kind. It is an opportunity to become more aligned with the character of God!

THE END GOAL

Philippians 2:9-11 The end goal of living in kindness is so that Christ will be known, so that he may touch lives around us and so that he may be glorified. If you belong to Christ, the Holy Spirit is within you but it is still your choice to live by its fruits.

This life is not about us and about what we can gain for ourselves. It is not even about what we can gain for others. This life is about what we can gain for Christ. Christ is the saviour of the world, but we are his ambassadors. Christ works amongst the world through his followers.

Romans 8:2-6 “*And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*”