

# JOY TO YOUR WORLD: Fight “Home Alone” Homes with Humility

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

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## ***When You Practice Gospel Humility, You’ll Have Joy to Your World in Gospel Harmony***

1. Be Compelled to Humility by **Expectation** (1-4).

2. Be Inspired to Humility by **Example** (5-8).

3. Be Motivated to Humility by **Exaltation** (9-11).

### ***Philippians 2:1-11***

*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

*<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is by discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here:*

[www.centralchurch.com/groups](http://www.centralchurch.com/groups)

1. This is a season of great conflict and division for many people. Often, the church is divided by nonessential preferences. What are some of the topics that have divided your relationships? How can you look at verses 1-4 and see the commonality we experience in our union with Christ, which should draw us into close fellowship with each other as believers?
2. How does the example of Jesus becoming a servant create adoration and direction in our lives?
3. Some of our fights are not with believers but with those without fellowship or experience in Christ. There is no commonality drawing us into the most profound fellowship. How should verses 9-11 encourage us even as we experience divisions between believers and unbelievers alike?

### **Quote for the Week. . .**

Paul David Tripp



*"The book of Proverbs is, in ways, a treatise on talk. I would summarize it this way: words give life; words bring death – you choose. What does this mean? It means you have never spoken a neutral word in your life. Your words have direction to them. If your words are moving in the life direction, they will be words of encouragement, hope, love, peace, unity, instruction, wisdom, and correction. But if your words are moving in a death direction, they will be words of anger, malice, slander, jealousy, gossip, division, contempt, racism, violence, judgment, and condemnation. Your words have direction to them. When you hear the word talk you ought to hear something that is high and holy and significant and important. May God help us never to look at talk as something that doesn't matter."*

**Paul David Tripp, *The Power of Words and the Wonder of God*, edited by John Piper and Justin Taylor, Crossway, 2009, p. 24.**