

Philippians 2:1-13

v1 – encouragement	(noun)	the action of giving someone confidence and courage
v1 – united	(verb)	joined together
v1 – Christ	(title)	Jesus
v1 – comfort	(noun)	the feeling when worries or unhappiness are taken away
v1 – fellowship	(noun)	the state of shared mutual concerns
v1 – the Spirit	(proper noun)	the Holy Spirit. Christians believe in one God who is three Persons – the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.
v1 – tenderness	(noun)	the characteristic of being gentle and caring
v1 – compassion	(noun)	the feeling of pity, sympathy and understanding for someone who is suffering
v2 – joy	(noun)	great happiness
v2 – like-minded	(adjective)	having the same priorities, concerns
v3 – selfish	(adjective)	concerned only for yourself and what is good for you
v3 – ambition	(noun)	strong desire to do or achieve something
v3 – vain	(adjective)	extremely proud
v3 – conceit	(noun)	very great pride in your own abilities or achievements
v3 – humility	(noun)	the quality of not being proud and not thinking you are better than others; opposite of pride
v5 – attitude	(noun)	the way you think and feel about something, especially when it shows in your actions
v6 – very	(adjective)	<i>used to emphasise the importance of what you are saying</i>
v6 – nature	(noun)	the basic quality or character of something
v6 – equality	(noun)	the state of being equal in status
v6 – grasped	(verb)	taken in your hand very firmly
v8 – humbled	(verb)	brought yourself to a lowly position
v9 – exalted	(verb)	honoured; brought to a high position
v10 – bow	(verb)	bend your body down towards someone to show respect
v11 – confess	(verb)	declare your belief in something
v12 – salvation	(noun)	the state of being saved from our sins by God
v12 – trembling	(gerund)	shaking because of fear
v13 – will	(verb)	want; be determined to do something or be a certain way

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¹ So does belonging to Christ help you in any way? Does his love comfort you at all? Do you share anything in common because of the Holy Spirit? Has Christ ever been gentle and loving toward you? ² If any of these things has happened to you, then agree with one another. Have the same love. Be one in spirit and in the way you think and act. By doing this, you will make my joy complete. ³ Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. ⁴ None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others.

⁵ As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.

⁶ In his very nature he was God.

Jesus was equal with God. But Jesus didn't take advantage of that fact.

⁷ Instead, he made himself nothing.

He did this by taking on the nature of a servant.
He was made just like human beings.

⁸ He appeared as a man.

He was humble and obeyed God completely.
He did this even though it led to his death.

Even worse, he died on a cross!

⁹ So God lifted him up to the highest place.

God gave him the name that is above every name.

¹⁰ When the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone will kneel down to worship him.

Everyone in heaven and on earth and under the earth will kneel down to worship him.

¹¹ Everyone's mouth will say that Jesus Christ is Lord.

And God the Father will receive the glory.

¹² My dear friends, you have always obeyed God. You obeyed while I was with you. And you have obeyed even more while I am not with you. So continue to work out your own salvation. Do it with fear and trembling.¹³ God is working in you. He wants your plans and your acts to fulfill his good purpose.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

v12 – admonish	(verb)	tell someone very seriously that they have done something wrong
v13 – regard	(noun)	respect and care
v14 – urge	(verb)	try to persuade someone to do something
v14 – idle	(adjective)	not doing anything because you have no purpose
v14 – encourage	(verb)	giving someone confidence and comfort
v14 – timid	(noun)	people who are shy, easily frightened or upset
v20 – prophecies	(noun)	messages from God for his people
v20 – contempt	(noun)	lack of respect for something
v23 – sanctify	(verb)	make holy; make free from sin
v24 – faithful	(adjective)	reliable; trust-worthy

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¹² Brothers and sisters, we ask you to accept the godly leaders who work hard among you. They care for you in the Lord. They correct you.¹³ Have a lot of respect for them. Love them because of what they do. Live in peace with one another. ¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we are asking you to warn certain people. These people don't want to work. Instead, they make trouble. We are also asking you to encourage those who have lost hope. Help those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that no one pays back one wrong act with another. Instead, always try to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Don't try to stop what the Holy Spirit is doing. ²⁰ Don't treat prophecies as if they weren't important. ²¹ But test all prophecies. Hold on to what is good. ²² Say no to every kind of evil.

²³ God is the God who gives peace. May he make you holy through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept free from blame. May you be without blame from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes.²⁴ The God who has chosen you is faithful. He will do all these things.

²⁵ Brothers and sisters, pray for us.

²⁶ Greet all God's people with a holy kiss.

²⁷ While the Lord is watching, here is what I command you. Have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

²⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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