

# Friendship: Christ-Style

**Philippians 2:1-8**





# Strained relationships

## Conflicts





# Unity

**Brings tremendous power  
and potential**



**“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, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being **like-minded**, having the same love, being one in spirit and of **one mind**.” Philippians 2:1-2**



**“Do nothing out of selfish  
ambition or vain conceit. Rather,  
in humility value others above  
yourselves,” Philippians 2:3**



# **1. Stop having selfish AMBITIONS**

**Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead." Philippians 2:3**



**“Make it your ambition to lead a  
quiet life: You should mind your  
own business and work with your  
hands, just as we told you.” 1  
Thessalonians 4:11**





**“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?” James 4:1**



## 2. Stop having selfish CONCEIT

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**Self centered pride and  
arrogance is the result of conceit.**

**"Pride goes before destruction".**



**The person who gets too big for  
his **pants** will eventually be  
exposed in the end.**



**“Where there is strife, there is  
pride.” Proverbs 13:10**





### 3. Increase HUMILITY

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**Humility is not thinking less  
of yourself – but thinking of  
your-self less.**



**“Pride brings a person low, but  
the lowly (humble) in spirit gain  
honor.” Proverbs 29:23**



## 4. Increase CONSIDERATION of others

**“Not looking to your own  
interests but each of you to  
the interests of the others.”**

**Philippians 2:4**





**“Don’t be obsessed with getting  
your own advantage. Forget  
yourselves long enough to lend  
a helping hand.” Philippians 2:4**







**The Greek word for “look” is  
"scopos" from which we get the  
word "scope".**



## 5. Develop a Christ-Like CHARACTER

**“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.”**

**Philippians 2:5-8**



**Jesus had a servants' attitude!**



**“This is how we know what love is:  
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.  
And we ought to lay down our lives  
for our brothers and sisters.”**

**1 John 3:16**



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