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A Life God Applauds: Part 1

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” —Romans 12:18

Relationships are one of God’s greatest gifts; however, because of our humanity, relationships can present us with some of our greatest challenges. As Christ-followers, we are called to be intentional in our relationships, always working to get along with one another.

Lessons In How To Get Along

Philippians 2:1–11

1. Our _____ with Jesus should affect our relationship with others. (vs. 1, 2)
 - God’s love for us should serve as our guide in loving others.
 - God’s forgiveness to us should serve as our guide in forgiving others.
2. Selfish ambition should not direct our _____ and behavior towards others. (vs. 3)
 - The root of selfish ambition is excessive self-love that disregards the rights and feelings of others.
 - By nature, we are all selfish people who too often expect to receive more from a relationship rather than what we are willing to give.

3. Humility should define our opinion of ourselves and our _____ towards others. (vs. 3,4)
 - Humility can be understood as putting Jesus first, others second, and ourselves afterwards.
 - True humility is not about putting ourselves down. Instead, it is about lifting others up.
4. Christ’s thoughts about relationships should define the way we _____ about relationships. (vs. 5-10)
 - He was selfless in His thinking. (He made Himself nothing)
 - He was a servant in His thinking. (Taking the very nature of a servant)
 - He was sacrificial in His thinking. (He became obedient to death)

The greatest lesson to be learned from Jesus about how to get along is to acknowledge that He consistently thought of others more than Himself. As Christ-followers, we are called to do the same.

The #1 indicator of our relationship with God is revealed in how we respond to others.

Answers: relationship; motives; attitude; think

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