

# POSITIVE LIVING

Discovering Significance Through Service

## THE POWER OF POSITIVE LIVING

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*“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with 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 purpose.” — Philippians 2:1-2*

*“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” — Philippians 2:5*

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By Placing:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ before ego.

### MEMORY VERSE

*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” — Philippians 2:3*

*God blesses those who realize their need for him,  
for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them.” — Matthew 5:3 (NLT)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ before possessions.

*“Humbly think of others as being better than yourselves.” — Philippians 2:3b (GW)*

*“But the Lord said to her, ‘My dear Martha, you are so upset over all these details! There is really only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it – and I won’t take it away from her.’” — Luke 10:41-42 (NLT)*

*“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” — Luke 12:15 (NIV)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ before serving self.

*“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.” — Philippians 2:4 (NLT)*

*“The greatest among you must be a servant.” — Matthew 23:11 (NIV)*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ before conformity.

*“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!” — Philippians 2:5-8*

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” — Romans 12:2*

### My next steps:

- Memorize Philippians 2:3 *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”*
- Read and meditate on Philippians chapter 2 this week.
- Seek out an opportunity this week to serve someone in Jesus’ name.
- Serve in and through the church in an ongoing way by filling a position or serving on a team.