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"FULFILL MY JOY"

(Philippians 2:1 – 4)

INTRODUCTION - Now Paul encourages them to form habits that would promote unity.
Attitudes are the foundations upon which our actions are built: (Proverbs 4:23 and 23:7)

1. (v1) FOUR "IFS" PROVIDE REASONS (MOTIVATIONS) FOR UNITY

- "IF"** - the word is not used to create doubt; rather, this particular Greek construction is one that assumes the statement being made is true; meaning, without a doubt "there is ..."
- "If there is any consolation in Christ"** - Christ reached out to us when we were needy; "therefore," reach out to one another and provide relief. (Rms. 15:5; 2 Thess. 2:16-17)
- "If any comfort of love"** - reference to divine love (John 15:13); "therefore," we should express an attitude of unity by looking for brethren to encourage.
- "If any fellowship of the Spirit"** - because we were all indwelt by the Spirit of God; "therefore;" (Eph. 4:1-3) "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
- "If any affection and mercy"** - (1 John 4:11 and Ephesians 4:32)

2. (v2) "FULFILL MY JOY"

- "Make my best hopes for you come true;" complete; satisfy; fill up my cup.
- (3 John v4) "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

3. (V2-4) "BY ... " - put this into practice; it should look like this; the game-plan.

- "by being like-minded"** - it has to do with agreement in doctrine and creed; embrace the same tenets of truth that you have been taught from the very beginning. (Eph. 4:5)
- "having the same love"** - not loving the same things, but united in mutual love.
(1:9) "your love abound still more and more in knowledge and discernment"
- "being of one accord"** - means, "with united souls;" agree; singing in harmony; no discord or disharmony.
- "of one mind"** - (Romans 15:5-6 and 1 Corinthians 1:10)
- "let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit"** - it is a warning to each one against a competitive or pride-filled ambition.
- "but in lowliness of mind"** - be conscious of your dependence on God.
- "let each esteem others better than himself"** - do not fix your mind on those things wherein you excel: (Romans 12:10 and Galatians 6:2-3)
- "let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others"**