

## **“BELONGING IN CHRIST: EMPOWERED LIVING”**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. (Philippians 2:1-2)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (Philippians 2:5)

### **1. HUMILITY BEFORE EGO**

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, (Philippians 2:3a)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3)

### **2. PEOPLE BEFORE POSSESSIONS**

but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3b)

But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:41-42)

And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

### **3. SERVING OTHERS BEFORE SERVING SELF.**

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:4)

The greatest among you shall be your servant. (Matthew 23:11)

### **4. PLACE OBEDIENCE BEFORE CONFORMITY**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:39)

And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. (1 Samuel 15:22)