



# How to enJOY 2022

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NO MATTER WHAT

1. Start with humility (Philippians 1:1-2)
2. Thank God for each other with joyful prayer (1:3-8)
3. Pray for discerning love (1:9-11)
4. Rejoice in the progress of the gospel (1:12-18)
5. Focus on exalting Christ (1:19-21)
6. Labor for the progress and joy of others (1:22-26)

## 7. Strive for a unity worthy of the gospel

<sup>27</sup>Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ;

so that

whether I come and see you or remain absent,

I may hear of you that you are standing firm

in one spirit,

with one mind

striving together for the faith of the gospel;

<sup>28</sup>in no way alarmed by *your* opponents—

which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you,

and that *too*, from God.

<sup>29</sup>For to you it has been granted

for Christ's sake,

not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

<sup>30</sup>experiencing the same conflict

which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

**2:1** If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ,

if there is any consolation of love,

if there is any fellowship of the Spirit,

if any affection and compassion,

<sup>2</sup>make my joy complete

by being of the same mind,

maintaining the same love,

united in spirit,

intent on one purpose.

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,

but

with humility of mind

let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

<sup>4</sup>do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests,  
but also for the interests of others.

## 8. Have Jesus' attitude

<sup>5</sup>Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who,

although He existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant,  
*and* being made in the likeness of men.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore also God highly exalted Him,

and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>So then, my beloved,

just as you have always obeyed,

not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,

work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

<sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you,

both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

## 9. Worship, don't grumble

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

<sup>15</sup>that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God  
above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,

among whom you appear as lights in the world,

<sup>16</sup>holding fast the word of life,

so that in the day of Christ I may have cause to glory  
because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

<sup>17</sup>But

even if I am being poured out as a drink offering  
upon the sacrifice and service of your faith,

I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

<sup>18</sup>And you too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

## 10. Care enough to risk

<sup>19</sup>But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly,  
so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

<sup>20</sup>For I have no one *else* of kindred spirit  
who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

<sup>21</sup>For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.

<sup>22</sup>But you know of his proven worth  
that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel  
like a child *serv*ing his father.

<sup>23</sup>Therefore I hope to send him immediately,  
as soon as I see how things *go* with me;

<sup>24</sup>and I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall be coming shortly.

<sup>25</sup>But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus,  
my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier,  
who is also your messenger and minister to my need;

<sup>26</sup>because he was longing for you all and was distressed  
because you had heard that he was sick.

<sup>27</sup>For indeed he was sick to the point of death,  
but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me,  
lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

<sup>28</sup>Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly  
in order that when you see him again you may rejoice  
and I may be less concerned *about you*.

<sup>29</sup>Therefore receive him in the Lord with all joy,  
and hold men like him in high regard;

<sup>30</sup>because he came close to death for the work of Christ,  
risking his life

to complete what was deficient in your service to me.