



Others First
Philippians 2:1-4

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"True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." C.S. Lewis

Without humility the church cannot realize the unity needed to accomplish its God directed mission. Only with an "others-first" focus can a group of believers arrive at the unity God desires. But denying self is neither simple nor easy. It seems that putting others first goes against every fiber of our being. Still, that focus is mandatory for our "manner of life to be worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Philippians 1:27)

Main Thought: *To live a life worthy of the Gospel, we must live in action-oriented _____.*

How can we live lives worthy of the Gospel?

1. Be _____ to the Spirit (v. 1).

John 15:4-5

2. Focus _____, not inwardly (v. 2).

2 Corinthians 9:6

3. See the _____ in others (v. 3).

"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

4. Care for the _____ of others (v. 4).

"Never think that you have made any progress till you look upon yourself as inferior to all." Thomas à Kempis

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV) *"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."*