

**The Power of Partnership, part 8**  
**Do Everything Without It -- March 29, 2009**

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, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup>

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-- continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. <sup>14</sup>Do everything without complaining or arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe <sup>16</sup>as you hold out the word of life-- in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. <sup>17</sup>But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup>So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

-- Philippians 2:1-18 [p. 1162]

...so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. -- Romans 15:6 [p. 1125]

**What's so \_\_\_\_\_?**

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Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.  
-- Colossians 4:2 [p. 1167]

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. -- Colossians 4:5-6 [p. 1167]

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.  
-- Ephesians 4:29 [p. 1159]

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -- Colossians 3:16-17 [p. 1167]

**How to \_\_\_\_\_**

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"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you..." -- Matthew 18:15 [p. 974]

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Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. -- Ephesians 4:15 [p. 1158]

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If a man loudly blesses his neighbor early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse. -- Proverbs 27:14 [p. 653]