

Phil. 2:1-4
Affirm, Share, Serve - The “One Another’s” in the Church
Serve by Serving One Another’s Interests

Sermon Outline for September 13, 2015 By Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Intro – Solaris and Phil. 1:27-30

1. Something To Do

“⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

a. The Basic Christian Life – Lev. 19:18; Hebrews 10:24; Romans 15:1-2; Galatians 5:13

b. Universality (in the Church) – “each of you”

c. Intentionality – “look out” scope it out, observe, contemplate, fix one’s eyes on, etc.

d. Discovery – “the interests of others” [with “look out” meaning securing someone’s advantage]

e. Follow Through

The PAUSE Principle of Negotiation (Ken Sande’s Peacemaker, A dog’s tale)

Prepare

Affirm

Understand

Search

Evaluate

2. The Way To Do It

a. Four (Two? One?) Characteristics

“by being like-minded,”

“having the same love,”

“being of one accord,” [joined in soul]

“of one mind.”

b. Put Off, Put On (Adam and Christ)

“³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit,”

Hyperfugtng (Keller); Ceaseless Campaign Fighting (In the Best if Churches!)

Vain Glory – our black hole of need for significance; I Am Somebody! (Madonna, Letterman, Tuuri)

“but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”

NT Wright’s Dinner Party

3. The Motivation to Do It

a. “²fulfill my joy”

b. Our Blessed Condition (7+1?)

“¹Therefore if there is any consolation [admonition] in Christ,”

“if any comfort [consolation] of love,”

“if any fellowship of the Spirit,”

“if any affection [bowels] and mercy,” affection and compassion (Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor, 1:3)

4. The Engine to Do It – Phil. 2:5ff