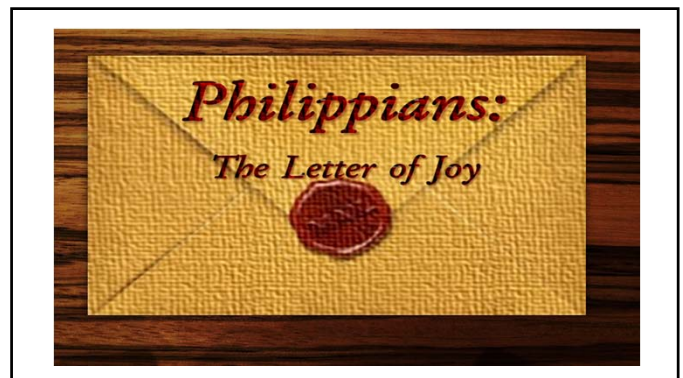


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“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many.”

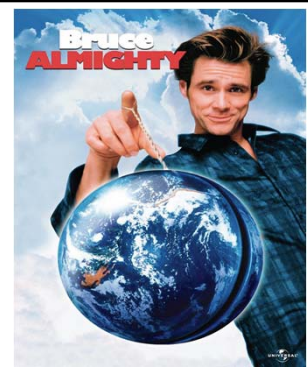
*Mark 10:45 (NKJV)*



**4 Characteristics in Paul's life:**

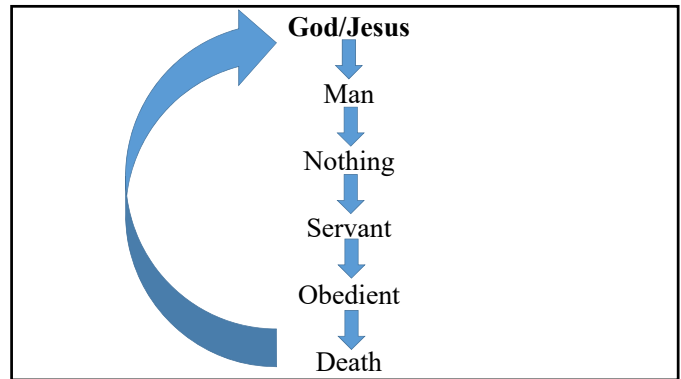
- (1) A man of Humility (2: 3-11)
- (2) A man of Passion (3: 7-10)
- (3) A man of abundant Joy (3:1,3;4:4)
- (4) A man of Contentment (4:10-13)

**Humility**



2: 5 – 8

“Have this mind among yourselves which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself **nothing**, taking the form of a **servant**, being born the likeness of **men**. And being found in human form, He **humbled** Himself by becoming **obedient** to the point of **death**, even death of the cross.



3: 7 – 10

“But what things were **gain to me**, these I have **counted loss for Christ**. Yet indeed I also count **all things loss** for the excellence of the **knowledge** of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the **loss of all things**, and **count them as rubbish**, that I may **gain Christ** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith, that I may **know** Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to His death,”

“ The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.”

Charles Spurgeon  
As quoted by J I Packer  
‘Knowing God’



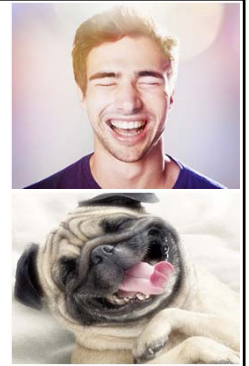
Isaiah 1:2,3

Jeremiah 9: 23,24

“ In order for life to be meaningful, something must be big enough to warrant our commitment and affections. The only thing that fits this qualification is God Himself, not only because of who He is, **but because who He is defines who we are.**”

Dr Tony Evans

JOY



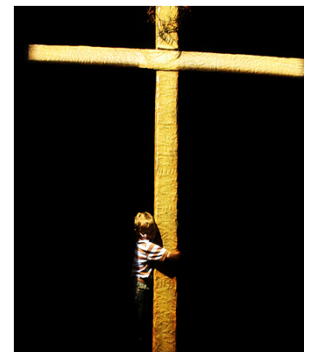
**What makes Paul joyful?**

- (a) God is his source of joy (3:1,3; 4:4)
- (b) The Philippian believers (1:4, 8)
- (c) The Gospel is being preached whatever the motivation may be (1:18)

**What makes Paul joyful?**

- (d) When the Philippian believers are united in one purpose (2:2)
- (e) Knowing that he has made a difference in the lives of the Philippian believers. (2:16)
- (f) When the Philippian believers showed their love and care for Paul by sending financial aid. (4:10)

CONTENTMENT



**4:10 – 13,19**

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me had flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be **content**. I know how to be **abased**, and I know how to **abound**. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be **full** and to be **hungry**, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me...

V19 And my God shall supply all *your* need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

**Paul's contentment is build on**

- (a) Trust in the character of God to provide and care for him
- (b) Developing an eternal perspective to life

**Trust God's Character****Eternal Perspective**

Conclusion:

