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Love People (part 4)

Eph. 4:1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Humility and gentleness; two qualities that are not in high demand in today's world. It seems those who want to get to the top of the corporate ladder have to put on the mantle of ruthless and callous. They think the only way to rise to the top is to be in total control, displaying dominance and hard-hearted practices.

Paul encourages us instead to be completely humble, gentle and patient. Why? Because putting others before ourselves is the example of our Lord. I am always reminded of the amazing passage in Philippians 2:5-8 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; 7 rather, he made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

The only way we can love someone else the way God loves is to put Him first, others second, and ourselves last. In fact, the path to true JOY is Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last. I sometimes chuckle when I remember the man who said he was going to write a book entitled: "Humility, And How I Obtained It"

To bear with one another in love means to work at loving each other, even when it is difficult; even when it hurts; even though we don't want to. 1 John 4:19 We love because He first loved us.

Dear Lord, help me to love others today in humility, gentleness and patience. Help me to love even when I don't want to. Help me to love when it's hard. Help me to love because you loved me even when I didn't deserve it. In Jesus Name, Amen