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ITALY

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■ Philippi

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ACHAIA

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### Chapter 2



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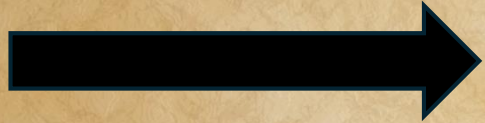
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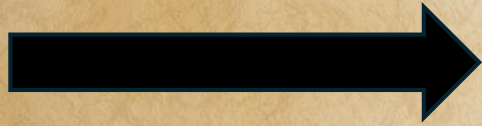
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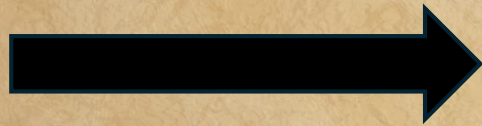
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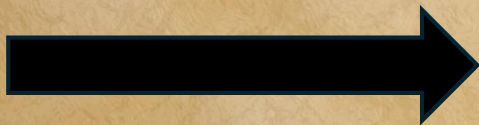


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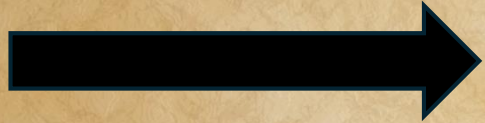
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# Philippians 1

**<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.**



# Unity!





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**Κοινωνία . . . Fellowship**



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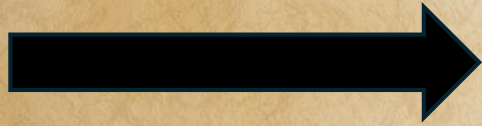
**Unity is More than the Absence of Open Warfare**

**Unity is a Common . . . Faith, Salvation, Spirit,  
Love, Values & Priorities, Interests,  
Purpose, Eternal Destination**



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## Philippians 2

**<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

**Ταπεινοφροσύνη . . . Lowliness of Mind**



# AI . . . Claude?

**Humility is the quality of having a modest and accurate understanding of one's own importance, abilities, and limitations. It involves recognizing that you don't have all the answers, being open to learning from others, and acknowledging your mistakes without defensiveness.**



# AI . . . Claude?

**At its core, humility isn't about thinking less of yourself, but rather thinking of yourself less.**  
**It's the opposite of arrogance or pride, yet it's also distinct from self-deprecation or low self-esteem. A humble person can recognize their strengths and accomplishments while maintaining perspective about their place in the larger world.**



# **AI . . . Claude?**

**Humility manifests in several ways:  
being genuinely curious about others'  
perspectives, admitting when you're wrong,  
asking for help when needed, and giving  
credit where it's due. It often involves a  
willingness to be surprised, to have your  
mind changed, and to recognize that your  
current under-standing might be  
incomplete or flawed.**



# AI . . . Claude?

**In many philosophical and religious traditions, humility is considered a virtue because it fosters better relationships, enables continuous learning, and creates space for genuine connection with others. It's seen as a foundation for wisdom because it keeps you open to new information and experiences rather than being closed off by the certainty that you already know everything you need to know.**



# **AI . . . Claude?**

**Are You humble, Claude?**

**A: That's a thought-provoking question that puts me in an interesting position - claiming to be humble might itself seem like a lack of humility, while denying it entirely might come across as false modesty.**







Σκοπένω . . .





# What does that LOOK like?

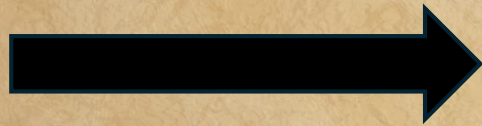




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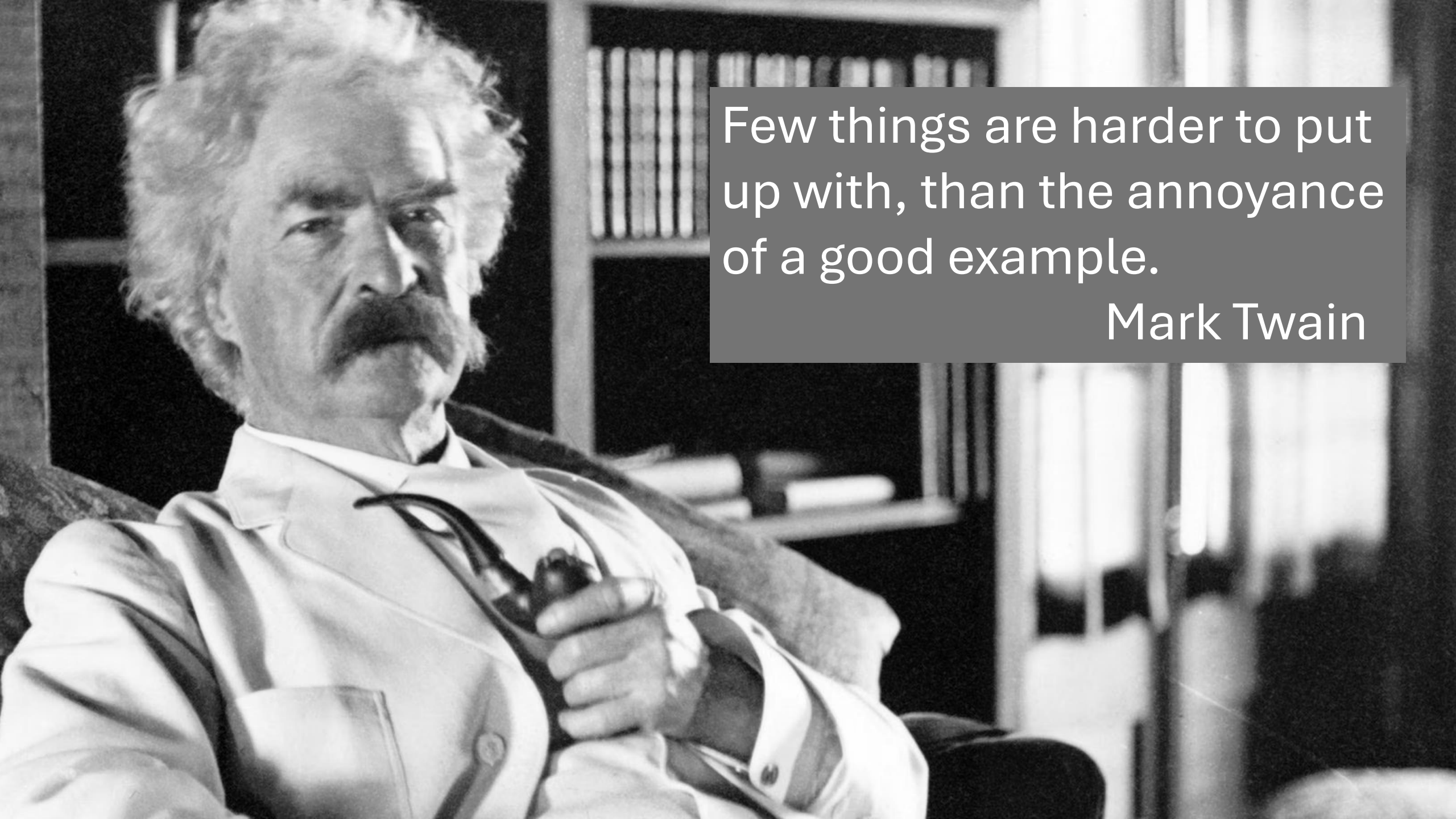
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Few things are harder to put up with, than the annoyance of a good example.

Mark Twain







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<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so 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.



## **Philippians 2**

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**



**God is working (salvation) in me . . .**

**To put Jesus first . . . To follow Jesus is**

**to prioritize the interests of others**

**to position myself to serve them 1<sup>st</sup>**

**That's what Jesus did!**



## Excellent Example # 2 . . . Paul





## **Philippians 2**

**<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling  
or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and  
innocent, children of God without blemish in the  
midst of a crooked and twisted generation,  
among whom you shine as lights in the  
world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life,  
so that in the day of Christ I may be proud  
that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.**



## Philippians 2

**<sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.**



# Paul's Secret to Real JOY?



J e s u s

O t h e r s

Y o u r s e l f



# Excellent Example #3 . . . Timothy





## Philippians 2

**<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. <sup>20</sup> For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. <sup>23</sup> I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, <sup>24</sup> and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.**



# Excellent Example #4 . . . Epaphroditus





## Philippians 2

**<sup>25</sup> I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, <sup>26</sup> for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. <sup>27</sup> Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.**



## Philippians 2

**<sup>28</sup> I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. <sup>29</sup> So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, <sup>30</sup> for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.**

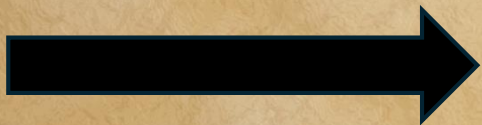


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for someone who is beneath you,  
and you will be putting yourself  
beneath them.

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**Thinking,  
and acting,  
more like  
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