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Philippians Chapter Two

2: 1-30



In his commentary on *Philippians: Be Joyful*, Warren Wiersbe relates that **people** can rob us of our **joy**. **Paul** was facing **his** problems with **people** at Rome as well as with **people** in **Philippi** (to see link click [Ap](#) - **Paul's Critics**), and it was with the latter that **he** was concerned with the most. When **Epaphroditus** brought a generous gift from the church in **Philippi**, and good news of the church's concern for **Paul**, **he** also brought the bad news of a possible division in the church family. Apparently there was a double threat to the unity of the church: false teachers coming from the outside (see **Bf** - **Paul's Opponents**) and disagreeing members from within. What **Euodia** (meaning *fragrance*) and **Syntychē** (meaning *fortunate*) were fighting about, **Paul** did not state (see **Bl** - **Life in Harmony**). But **Paul** knew what some **people** today do not know. There is a difference between unity and uniformity. True spiritual unity comes from within; it is a matter of the heart. Uniformity is the result of pressure from without. This is why **Paul** opens **Chapter Two** appealing to the highest possible spiritual motives (see [Au](#) - **To Model the Messiah**).⁵⁴