

Philippians 2 – Irony and Iron

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IRONY
 LOW
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 HIGH



Themes

Individual Joy
 Through Other
 Focus

Learn Exultation
 by Practicing
 Humility

Iron out Your
 Salvation

Clean and
 Sharpen Your Iron

Key Constructs

IF in Christ ...

- Complete my joy by your unity.
- Learn joy by emulating humility & suffering.

Follow Christ's Pattern

- Seek not equality
- Be obedient, even to death
- Christ was humbled, then exalted
- Humble yourself and God will exalt you

Obey—with or without supervision.

Continue to iron out the wrinkles in your salvation.
 How?

- No arguing/complaining.
- Shine like stars so I can brag on you.
- Rejoice with me—our sacrifice and service will shine on the day of Christ.

- Welcome one dedicated iron sharpener—Timothy.
- Like Jesus, he looks out for you—not himself.
- Epaphroditus served my purpose, in fact, he almost died for the cause of Christ, but now he needs you.

Media/Tone

Exhortation: One on One

Exhortation: One to Many

Exhortation: One on One

Verses

Verses 1-4

Verses 5-11

Verses 12-18

Verses 19-30

Pivot = Therefore, continue to obey and work (verse 12).