

# Joyride

Caring for Others  
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<sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:  
<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped <sup>7</sup>, but made himself nothing,

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taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

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<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

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<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. <sup>20</sup> I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare.

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**<sup>21</sup> For everyone looks out for his own interest, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.**

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**<sup>23</sup> I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. <sup>24</sup> And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. <sup>25</sup> But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother,**

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**fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. <sup>26</sup> For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. <sup>27</sup> Indeed he was ill, and almost died.**

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**But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup> Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.**

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**<sup>29</sup> Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, <sup>30</sup> because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.**

**Philippians 2:19-30**

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### How to Turn Hardship into Joy:

- Pray with thanksgiving.
- Focus on the positive.
- Identify with Christ's suffering.
- Understand god's purpose.
- Care for others.

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“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their worth. If one falls down his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls, and has no one to help him up.

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The one may be overpowered;  
two can defend themselves, and  
a cord of three strands is not  
quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9

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How do you develop strong  
friendships?

Why do some attract loyal friends  
while others don't?

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Paul cared more for the needs of  
others than his own.

How can we care for others?

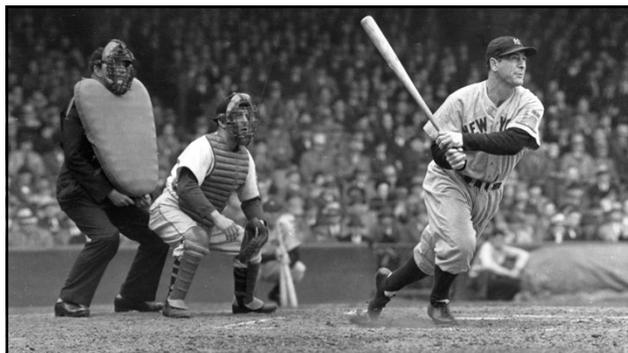
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### Ways to care for others:

1. Cultivate genuine interest.

“I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon so that I also may be cheered when I receive good news about you.” (Philippians 2:19)

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**“Do nothing out of selfish ambition, or vain conceit, but in humility each of you should consider others more highly than himself.**

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**Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”**

Philippians 2:3-4

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**Placing others before yourself will...**

➤... help you focus less on your own problems.

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**“If you spend yourself in behalf of the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noon day.**

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**The Lord will guide you always! He will satisfy your needs in a sun scorched land, and He will strengthen your frame, and you will be like a well watered garden;**

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**like a spring whose waters will never fail.”**

Isaiah 58:10-11

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**Placing others before yourself will...**

- ... help you focus less on your own problems.
- ... help you make friends who reinforce one another.

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**“He who would have friends must show himself friendly.”**

Proverbs 18:24

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**“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”**

Proverbs 17:17

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**Ways to care for others:**

1. Cultivate a genuine interest.
2. Offer sincere encouragement.

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What does it mean to have a  
*kindred spirit*?

“The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.” (1 Samuel 18:1)

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“If you find honey, eat just enough because if you eat too much of it you will vomit.”  
Proverbs 25:16

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Slander is saying something behind somebody’s back that you would never say to their face, but flattery is saying something to a person’s face that you would never say behind their back.

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“An anxious heart wears a man down, but a kind word cheers him up!”  
(Proverbs 12:25)

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“If a man can’t control his own household, how can he lead the Church Of God?”  
(1 Timothy 3:5)

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“Encourage one another, daily, as long as it is called day, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

(Hebrews 3:13)

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### Three Principles of Kindness:

1. Cultivate a genuine interest.
2. Offer sincere encouragement.
3. Unselfishly release others.

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“I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.” (Philippians 2:25)

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“He longs to come home because he is concerned about you. He is concerned about you fretting over his illness. He wants to relieve your anxiety by showing you that he is fully recovered.”

(Philippians 2:26)

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“Now he really was sick! He almost died but God spared him!” (Philippians 2:27)

“I’m eager to send him back. I think it is the right thing for all of us!” (Philippians 2:28)

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“Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life.”  
(Philippians 2:29)

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Love can kill just as adeptly as hate does.

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If you want to *hold on*, then you must *let go*.

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“At my first defense, no one came to my support. Everyone deserted me! May it not be held against them.”  
(2 Timothy 4:16)

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**“The Lord was by my side,  
and He gave me strength.”  
(2 Timothy 4:17)**

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**People will...**

- Disappoint you
- Desert you
- Forget you
- Die on you

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**“I will never leave you, nor  
forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)**

**“A man of many companions  
may come to ruin, but there is  
a friend who sticks closer than  
a brother...” (Proverbs 18:24)**

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