

# Learning to Share

Philippians 2:1-5

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Every child must be taught to share, to overcome that selfish, territorial spirit we inherit at birth. When born again we also must learn to share. We share because we understand that all that we are and have is not ours anyway...it belongs to God! But we continue to struggle with our selfishness. Paul writes of this struggle and offers some motivations to share our lives and resources.

## I. **Passions That Motivate Us to Share**

1. If any encouragement of being united with Christ
2. If and comfort of love
3. If any fellowship of the Spirit
4. If any affection and mercy
5. The interests of others
6. The example of Jesus

## II. **Practices That Frustrate Sharing**

1. Selfish ambition
2. Pride/conceit
3. Looking out *only* for own interests
4. Common thread: SELF!

## III. **Pathways to Activate Sharing**

1. Share my Time
2. Share my Treasure
3. Share my Talents
4. Share my Testimony