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—Philippians 2:1-2 ESV

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## High-Value Relationships

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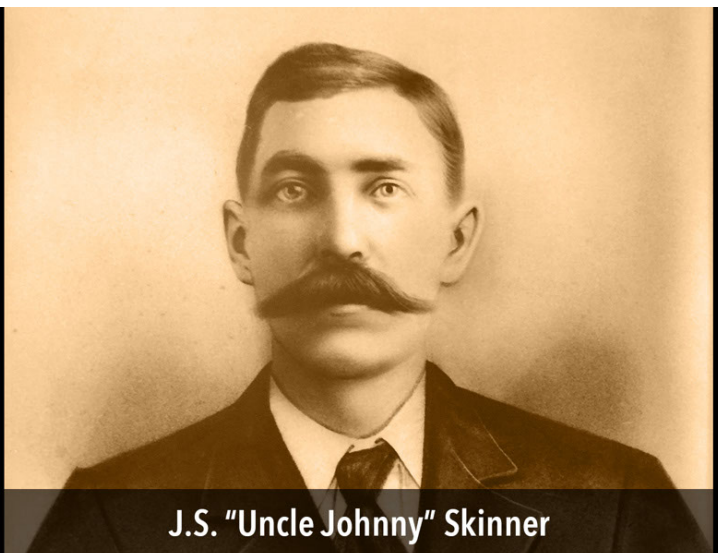
<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

—Philippians 1:3-6 ESV

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## High-Cost Risks

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<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.

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This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. —Philippians 1:27-30 ESV

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... for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me. —Philippians 2:30 ESV

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“There is no return on investment without investing.” —@bretlegg

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“Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have.”  
—Billy Graham

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High-Priority Responsibilities

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<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 2:14-16 ESV

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Baptistry Steps

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<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. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 2:1-5 ESV

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I. Greet all who gather.

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Our aim as the body of Christ isn't to just make people feel welcome; we are to make them feel wanted. It is not enough to say, "We are happy you are here." We need to let them feel we will miss them if they are not here. That means we have to go beyond southern etiquette and instead, see every person as vital to our church, our lives, and our mission—to worship God. —Andrew Skelton

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## 2. Guard against the tendency to complain.

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—Philippians 2:14-15a ESV

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## 3. Give for the greater good.

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<sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only... <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. —Philippians 4:15, 17 ESV

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### Giving Patterns

\$0–\$999	3,810
\$1,000–\$4,999	600
\$5,000–\$14,999	410
\$15,000 and above	74

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“We are not cisterns made for hoarding;  
we are channels made for sharing.”  
—Billy Graham

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4. Go forward by faith.

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—Philippians 2:15b-16 ESV

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