

Killing the “Me Monster”...

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Philippians 2:-4

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Social Power

- Connectors
- Mavens (experts, connoisseurs)
- Salesmen (Evangelists)

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Social Power

Who is in your social network?

- Different race?
- Politically different?
- Different field of influence?
- Non-Christians?

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1. Other People Exist
2. Other People Matter to God

Philippians 2:1-4

Who did Jesus pick? . . .

- **Peter** (Bold and flamboyant)
- **Andrew** (a leader)
- **James** (wanted people to die)
- **John** (Deep philosophic thinker)
- **Philip** (not so deep, a connector)
- **Bartholomew** (a philosopher)
- **Thomas** (Loyal pessimist)
- **Matthew** (tax collector, IRS employee)
- **James** (the less significant)
- **Thaddeus** (?)
- **Simon** (Zealot, political revolutionary)
- **Judas Iscariot** (thief, betrayer)

Philippians 2:20-21

²⁰ For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

²¹ For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

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1. Other People Exist
2. Other People Matter to God
3. Other People Are More Important Than Me

Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:5-8

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Traits of a “Love Maven”

“You are more important
than me”

“let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus . . . He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Philippians 2:5-8

If you want to Kill the “Me Monster” . . .

You must purposefully connect with
people different than you, and
follow through in treating them as
more important than you.

