

In Your Relationships, Eat Your Humble Pie!

#RelationshipGoals God's Way! Pt.2

Philippians 2:1-11

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Philippians 2:5, *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*

“If you plan to build a tall house of virtues, you must first lay deep foundations of humility” (Saint Augustine).

Philippians 4:2, *I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel...*

“If anyone tells you that a certain person speaks ill of you, do not make excuses about what is said of you but answer, 'He was ignorant of my other faults, else he would not have mentioned these alone'” (Epictetus).

The Mindset Of Christ In Our Relationships:

1. Care Less About Being Right And More About Being ONE

Philippians 2:1, *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.*

• **Humility Increases Love FOR OTHERS**

Ephesians 4:1, *Therefore I... implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience,*

showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

“Humility and patience are the surest proofs of the increase of love” (John Wesley).

2. Value Others More Than You Value YOURSELF

Philippians 2:3, *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.*

Proverbs 11:2, *When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.*

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less” (C. S. Lewis).

3. Tend To The Needs Of Others More Than Your OWN

Philippians 2:4, *...not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

2 Corinthians 8:9, *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.*

“Let’s teach our children that every good marriage begins with a funeral: the death of our selfish, independent and arrogant ways” (Gary Thomas).

4. Never Take Advantage Of Your POSITION

Philippians 2:5, *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage.*

Romans 12:3, *For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,*

but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

5. Live A Life Of Sacrifice For OTHERS

Philippians 2:7, ...rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Matthew 20:28, “...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

The Outcome Of A Christ-Like Mindset:

Philippians 2:9, Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Cottonwood Challenge - Pray For The Mindset Of Christ

This Week In Your Relationships!

Study: Matthew 23:10-12; Mark 9:35; Luke 14:11; Galatians 5:13; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6

- This week, develop an attitude of humility where you consider that other person more important than yourself.
- This week, serve that other person without expecting anything in return (including recognition or repayment).