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# **PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey**

Lesson Twelve • Philippians 2:5-11

# The Ultimate Example of Humility

### The Ultimate Example

Paul magnifies the <u>HUMILIATION</u> and <u>EXALTATION</u> of Jesus Christ as our ultimate example in crushing the "kingdom of me" mentality.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

### What Does Christ's Example of Humility Shows Us?

### 1. Christlike Humility Is Continually NEEDFUL!

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Philippians 2:5

### The Need for Christlike Humility

Christlike humility is ESSENTIAL to Christian unity.

## 2. Christlike Humility Is Deliberately MINDFUL!

who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:6-8

#### A Deliberate Mindset

Christlike humility involves giving up our RIGHTS.

#### The Humble Descent of Christ

- Jesus started at the <u>HIGHEST</u> place: "equality with God"
- Jesus descended to the <u>LOWEST</u> place: "emptied Himself"

His Incarnation: Jesus humbled Himself by releasing His divine rights, taking the form of a servant, and being born in the likeness of men.

His Crucifixion: Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

# 3. Christlike Humility Is Eternally HOPEFUL!

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

#### The Glorious Ascent of Christ

- > The Highest Place: Jesus has been given universal AUTHORITY.
- > The Greatest Name: Jesus will be given universal WORSHIP.

#### The Reward for Humility

God <u>EXALTS</u> the humble for His glory. Therefore, trust God enough with your life that you don't live for people's affirmation, but wait for God's exaltation.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that
at the proper time He may exalt you. 1Peter 5:6