

Title | Humility and Sacrifice

Series | Building a Better Church

Text | Philippians 2:3-8

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2:3 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. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the Cross. *NKJV*

Sermon Notes

Big Idea:

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind, let each esteem others better than himself. NK/V

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

The first thing Paul tells us in this passage is that we should not do anything out of selfish ambition or conceit. Paul is telling us that God is concerned not only with our actions, but also our motivations. What do you consider to be the proper motivation for serving God and others?

Tuesday:

Paul says that we should have a, "lowliness of mind." What does this mean? How can you cultivate this concept in your own life?

Wednesday:

Paul tells us that we are to esteem others better than ourselves, but he also implies that we are to take care of our own needs as well as the needs of others. We discussed one example of this during the message. Can you think of any other ways you might incorporate these ideas into your own life?

Thursday:

In verse 6, Paul tells us that we should have the same mindset that Jesus had. What mindset was this? Can you point to areas of your own life where you have this same mindset that Jesus had?

Friday:

The love Jesus has for us caused Him to identify with us by clothing Himself in humanity while remaining completely God. This love and unity then led to His humility and sacrifice. Spend a few moments reflecting on the enormity of this idea and thank Him for all He's done for us.

Daily Prayer:
Jesus, I thank you for your
incredible love, a love that led you
to identify with me, a love that led
to your decision to humble and
sacrifice yourself for me and my
sins. May you grant me the grace to
humble myself and serve others, just
as you did. Amen