

Word For Life Church Ministries

Prayer & Bible Study

Thursdays at 11:30 am

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THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Join us LIVE exclusively on Zoom

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He who began a good work in you...

make my joy complete

*...to know Christ and the
power of His resurrection*

I press on...

*Be anxious for nothing...let
your requests be made
known to God.*

*I can do all things
through Christ*

*And my God shall
supply all your need...*





PHILIPPIANS 2:1-30

UNITY AND HUMILITY IN CHRIST

Foundations for sustainable, collaborative ministry that enables God's glory.

LESSON OVERVIEW

- Exhortation for Unity: Philippians 2:1-4
- The Jesus Model of Humility: Philippians 2:5-11
- Living in the Light of Purpose: Philippians 2:12-18
- Witnesses of a Worthy Walk: Philippians 2:19-30





EXHORTATION FOR UNITY

Call for Unity

Paul emphasizes the importance of being like-minded and united as a community of believers in Christ.

Shared Experiences

The shared experiences in Christ foster a sense of togetherness and encourage believers to support one another.

Mutual Support

Encouragement and support among believers can strengthen their faith and resolve in challenging times.



HUMILITY AND CONSIDERING OTHERS

Importance of Humility

Paul emphasizes humility as a necessary virtue for fostering strong community bonds and relationships among individuals.

Considering Others

Considering others better than oneself is essential for creating a loving and selfless community, as highlighted by Paul's message.

Community Rooted in Love

A community that practices humility and selflessness thrives on love, creating a nurturing and supportive atmosphere for all members.



PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH

Emphasizing Humility

The call to humility encourages believers to prioritize the needs of others above their own, fostering a spirit of cooperation.

Promoting Unity

Unity among believers is essential for a thriving church community, creating an environment of support and love.

Reflective Attitudes

Believers are challenged to examine their attitudes and behaviors towards one another, leading to personal and communal growth.

THE JESUS MODEL OF HUMILITY:

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11



CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY AND OBEDIENCE

Divine Nature of Christ

Christ, being in very nature God, exemplifies divine characteristics, demonstrating ultimate power and love for humanity.

Human Form and Sacrifice

By taking on human form, Christ embraced vulnerability and ultimately submitted to death on a cross for salvation.

Example of Obedience

Christ's obedience, even unto death, serves as the ultimate example for believers to follow in their own lives.

THEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHRIST HYMN

Nature of Christ

The Christ hymn provides insights into Christ's dual nature, highlighting both his divinity and humanity.

Depth of Sacrifice

The hymn emphasizes the profound sacrifice of Christ for humanity, symbolizing love and redemption.

Exaltation of Christ

The exaltation that follows Christ's sacrifice represents hope and victory over death.





IMPLICATIONS FOR BELIEVERS' ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS

Mindset of Christ

Believers are encouraged to adopt a mindset similar to that of Christ, characterized by humility and compassion.

Embodying Humility

Humility is a vital trait for believers, encouraging them to consider others above themselves in all interactions.

Reflecting Character of Christ

Believers should reflect the character of Christ in their daily lives by showing love, kindness, and selflessness.

**LIVING IN THE LIGHT
OF PURPOSE:**

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18



WORKING OUT SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING

Spiritual Journey

The phrase emphasizes the importance of actively engaging in one's spiritual path with dedication and seriousness.

Reliance on God

Believers are encouraged to depend on God's strength and guidance as they navigate their faith journey.

Fear and Trembling

This phrase reflects the seriousness of the commitment to faith, acknowledging the weight of one's responsibilities.



PAUL'S JOY AND SACRIFICE FOR THE PHILIPPIANS

Joy in Spiritual Growth

Paul expresses immense joy witnessing the Philippians grow in their faith and commitment to their spiritual journey.

Willingness to Sacrifice

Paul emphasizes his readiness to make sacrifices for the spiritual well-being of the Philippians, highlighting his deep commitment to their growth.

Relational Aspect of Ministry

The relational aspect of ministry is crucial, as Paul underscores the connections formed through shared faith and mutual encouragement.

**WITNESSES OF A
WORTHY WALK:**

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30



TIMOTHY'S EXAMPLE OF SELFLESS SERVICE

Selfless Service

Timothy's actions reflect a deep commitment to serving others without seeking personal gain, embodying true selflessness.

Genuine Concern for Others

Timothy shows genuine care for the needs and well-being of others, demonstrating empathy and compassion.

Model of Humility

Timothy is recognized for his humility, serving as a role model for others in how to live a dedicated and modest life.



EPAPHRODITUS' DEDICATION AND SERVICE

Dedication to Others

Epaphroditus demonstrated remarkable dedication by serving others selflessly and putting their needs before his own.

Willingness to Risk

His willingness to risk his life for the sake of others exemplifies true commitment and courage in service.

Inspiring Others

Epaphroditus' example serves as an inspiration for believers to prioritize the welfare of others in their lives.



LESSONS FROM THE LIVES OF TIMOTHY AND EPAPHRODITUS

Humility in Service

Timothy and Epaphroditus exemplify humility through their dedicated service to others. Their actions encourage believers to serve selflessly.

Christ-Centered Characteristics

They display traits that define a Christ-centered life, such as compassion, loyalty, and faith. These characteristics inspire others to live similarly.

Encouragement to Others

Their examples encourage the Philippians to embody humility and service in their own lives, fostering a supportive community.

CONCLUSION

Embrace Humility

We are called to embrace humility as we engage with others, prioritizing their needs to inform our perspectives.

Foster Unity

Unity among believers is essential for reflecting Christ's love and purpose as we live out this love and purpose with other people.

Reflect Christ's Mind for Service

Our attitudes and actions in service of others should reflect the mind of Christ, guiding us in ministry.