

Rejoicing in Christ
“The Mindset for Ministry”
(Philippians 2:5-8)

Introduction

Thesis: Through Christ’s example, I want you to consider with me three characteristics of a humble mindset for ministry, and I trust that it will encourage toward unity not only in church life but also in your home life for the glory of God.

I. Like Christ, you _____ for the benefit of others (2:6-7a).

II. Like Christ, you _____ for the benefit of others (2:7-8a).

III. Like Christ, you _____ for the benefit of others (2:8).

Conclusion

Text: Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Related Texts:

John 17:5

⁵ Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

2 Corinthians 8:9

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.

Luke 22:24-26

²⁴ And there arose also a dispute among them *as to* which one of them was regarded to be greatest. ²⁵ And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’ ²⁶ But *it is* not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.

Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

John 13:12-15

¹² So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined *at the table* again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

Galatians 3:13-14

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”— ¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Acts 20:24

²⁴ But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.