

The Mind of Christ  
Philippians 2:5-8

We are exhorted to fulfill His joy by being like-minded, one accord, and of one mind. This mind He desires for us to have is the mind of Christ. In verses five through eight, there are several key words or phrases to point out.

- I. No reputation: Jesus was, and is, the Son of God. He is the God of all creation. Jesus is to be the object of our worship yet He made Himself of no reputation.
  - A. Be more concerned with our relationship to Christ than our reputation among others.
  - B. Realize image is nothing if it is not the image of Christ.
  - C. Is it more important that the world know us or that it should know Christ?
  
- II. A Servant: We go to seminars, conferences, and schools to learn to lead but not many learn to serve. Most of us have too much pride to be considered a servant. The word itself conjures up the image of a low estate.
  - A. Would we serve if there were no gain in it for us?
  - B. Are we truly a servant if we need to be recognized for serving?
  - C. A slave must obey his master's command. A servant seeks to fulfill his master's desires.
  - D. It requires a greater strength of character to faithfully serve than to lead.
  
- III. Humbled Himself: It is one thing to be humbled but it's a whole different process to humble oneself.
  - A. We must recognize our pride.
  - B. It requires a purpose greater than our self.
  - C. It takes great strength to deal with issues known only to you.
  
- IV. Obedient: Obedience is similar to purity in the sense that you are either obedient or not.
  - A. There may be different reasons as to why we would be obedient.
    - a. Love
    - b. Fear
    - c. Personal gain (reward)
  - B. Love would be a most noble reason for obedience.
  - C. An uncontested obedience to God's Word is called faith. God said and it was so. (Genesis)

These are some key words that help define the "mind" that conforms us to the image of

Christ.