

CHRIST'S PERFECT EXAMPLE
His Humility

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Philippians 2:1-18

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Book Theme: Joyful Christian Living

Book Theme Verse: Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

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Lesson Verse: Php 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Theme: Believers are to walk in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ by seeking spiritual unity, demonstrating true humility and pursuing moral purity

- I. Call for Unity
- II. Call for Humility
- III. Call for Purity

- I. Call for Unity 1-2

1. Four Reasons for Spiritual Unity

- A. Because unity is of great importance to Christ
- B. Because unity is believers loving others as Christ has loved them
- C. Because unity is fellowship with other believers sharing the same Spirit
- D. Because unity is believers showing mercy to others as God has shown mercy to you

2. Four Marks of Spiritual Unity

- A. Sharing a common understanding of truth

- B. Devoted to loving other believers equally and practically
- C. Committed to living in selfless harmony with one another
- D. Pursuing the same purpose

II. Call for Humility 3-5

- 1. Humility cannot be practiced when you are selfish and conceited
- 2. Humility is practiced by placing importance on God first, others second and you last
- 3. Humility cannot be practiced when you are consumed with pleasing yourself
- 4. Humility is practiced by thoughtful, deliberate, persistent effort to care for others

III. Christ is the Perfect Model of Humility 5-11

- 1. The Preeminence of Jesus - preincarnate Christ past glory before the world begun
- 2. The Condescension of Jesus – incarnation of Christ, steps from His throne to become a baby, raised in humble circumstances, and voluntarily suffered crucifixion on the cross
- 3. The Coronation of Jesus – God raised Jesus from the grave and exalted Him to the highest place, where He will reign over everyone forever

IV. Call for Purity 12-18

- 1. Our good works are to be a consistent effort to please the Lord
- 2. Our good works are to be accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit
- 3. Our good works are to display a kind, considerate attitude seeking to please God
- 4. Our good works are to testify to the world of God goodness for His glory
- 5. The sacrifice and service of our faith is to bring us joy from the Lord

Be like Christ -- Be Humble