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## **My Attitude**

In the past, I have not always had the best attitude. Even now, my attitude needs a major adjustment. **How so?** I can't possibly name all the improper attitudes I have held. **Name a few, I will tell you when to stop.** I have had a self-righteous attitude. I have thought I was somehow better or wiser or smarter than others. I can tell now that naming my improper attitudes will be no fun. **Does that surprise you?** Not really. **Keep going.** I have had a self-sufficient attitude. I have thought that I didn't need or want anything from anyone, including you. That wasn't too smart or wise. **No, it wasn't. Keep going.** I have had a self-indulgent and self-serving attitude. I have thought that I deserved all the comforts and pleasures of life. I have thought that others should serve me. I have thought that life revolved around me. This is getting embarrassing. **I can see that. You can stop now.** Thank you for that.

**Let me ask you a couple questions.** I'm listening. **That's very good. What attitude do you want to have in your heart and mind? What attitude do you want to guide your life?** I want to have your attitude. I want to become like you in all that I think, say and do. **Really?** Yes, really. **What attitude did I have in my heart and mind?** You counted yourself as nothing. You emptied yourself of all the rights and privileges that would have been rightly yours. **Is that all?** No, that is not all. You took on the form of a servant. You came into this world to serve your Heavenly Father. You came into this world to serve others. **Is that what you want to do?** Yes, it is the utmost desire of my heart to count myself as nothing so that I can become like you. It is the passion of my life to serve others so that I can live as you live. It will be the joy of my life to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name as I live to serve you and others. **This is the prayer of heart? This is the work that you want me to do in and through you?** Yes, it is. **I will hear and answer this prayer of yours.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, if you could count yourself as nothing and take on the form of a servant, then I will do so as well. Help me to have your attitude. Help me to live like you lived. Help me to love you loved. Help me to give like you gave. Help me to serve like you served. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Attitude*

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NIV Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Have The Same Attitude*

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,

NLT Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Let The Same Mind*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

NRSV Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Let This Same Attitude*

Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being.

AMP Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Have This Attitude*

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

NASB Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Have This Mind*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

ESV Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Let This Mind*

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

NKJV Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Think Of Yourselfes*

Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human!

MSG Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Attitude*

Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men.

TLB Philippians 2:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *You Must Think And Act Like*

In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus. Christ himself was like God in everything. But he did not think that being equal with God was something to be used for his own benefit. But he gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born to be a man and became like a servant.

NCV Philippians 2:5-7

# Your Attitude

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Philippians 2:5-7

**In Context:** *Read Philippians 2*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**When have you mistakenly thought that others should serve you rather than you serve them?**

Who has provided you with a clear example of humbling oneself to serve others?

How passionately do you want to become like Christ by humbling yourself to serve others?

How has your heart and mind become more like Christ’s as you have loved, followed and served Him?

**How has your mission in life become clearer as you have humbled yourself by serving others?**

What joy have you found in humbling yourself and taking on the form of a servant?

**What fruit has your life born as you have humbled yourself and taken on the form of a servant?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Have the mind of Christ by counting yourself as nothing and take on the form of a servant.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to count yourself as nothing and take on the form of a servant.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you have counted yourself as nothing and become a servant.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you take on the attitude of Christ by counting yourself as nothing and serving others.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will take on your attitude by counting myself as nothing and serving others.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I take on your attitude of counting myself as nothing and serving others today?*

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