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Your Attitude

What is your attitude? I'm not sure what that question even means. **Do you have anything that guides your attitude? Do you have anything that helps you to determine what you will think?** You are asking me questions that I have not often considered. My daily life has certainly not been guided by the answers to those questions. **Let me tell you something.** I am listening, you have my full attention. **If you leave those questions unconsidered and unanswered, you will think and speak and act like everyone else in the world. Your attitude will be guided by your daily circumstances. If you have what you consider to be a good day, then you will have a good attitude. If you have what you consider to be a bad day, then you will have a bad attitude. You and everyone you are close to will be the victim of your circumstances.** Well, that is no good. **No, it is not good.**

What kind of attitude would you like to have to guide your life? What is worthy of helping you to determine what you will think? Now, I understand your questions. Now, I have more of a context and framework with which to consider and answer your questions. I have thought about these questions far more than I realized. **Yes, of that I am sure. Of that, I am certain. Let me hear your answers.** I want to be like you. I want to think like you think. I want to speak like you speak. I want to act like you act. I want to follow your example. **How will that be possible? What must you do if you want to become like me?** I will need to come to know you. By that, I mean really know you. I don't mean know about you either. I must seek you with all that is within me. I must love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I must come to live in an intimate relationship with you. I must draw near to you. In your presence, I will be changed. As I walk through life with you, day by day, you will change me. I may not notice it at the time, or all at once. But as I live my life with and for you, I can't help but become like you. I will go where you lead me. I will do what you ask of me. I will live as you lived. **Do you know what I am asking of you?** Yes, I do. You want me to humbly take on the form of a servant. You want me to love like you loved. You want me to serve like you served. You want me to give like you gave. **Yes, I want all this from and for you. Do this and you will become like me. Do this and you will have all that you ever really wanted from me.** I will do all that you ask of me. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I will follow your example. I will have your attitude. I will not hold on to my own rights and privileges. I will not cling to what could have been mine. Instead, I will humble myself by taking on the form of servant. I will love and give and serve like you did. Amen

Promises*Your Attitude*

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

NIV

Philippians 2:5-7

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Promises*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

Promises*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

Promises*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

Discipleship*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

Promises*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

Promises*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

Promises*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

Promises*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

Have The Same Attitude

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Promises – 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)*

How strong is your desire to follow Christ's example by living as He lived?

Why can you be sure that it is the God's desire, purpose, and plan to make you like Christ?

How has God been changing all your thoughts, words, and actions since you began to follow Christ?

How is it not Christlike to assert and demand your own rights and privileges?

How are you following Christ's example by taking on the form of a servant?

What opportunities do you have right now to follow Christ's example by serving others?

What joy and peace and fulfillment have you found in humbly serving others?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Follow the Lord's example by humbly serving others.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will use you to humbly serve others.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is using you to humbly serve others.

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?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you follow Christ's example by humbly taking on the role of a servant.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will follow your example by humbly taking on the role of a servant.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I follow your example by humbly taking on the role of a servant today?
