

'Jesus: Lord of All'

Philippians 2:5-11

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From an unknown source comes an article titled,
"How to Be Miserable."

It says,

"Think about yourself. Talk about yourself. Use "I" as often as possible. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others. Listen greedily to what people say about you. Expect to be appreciated. Be suspicious. Be jealous and envious. Be sensitive to slights. Never forgive a criticism. Trust nobody but yourself. Insist on consideration and respect. Demand agreement with your own views on everything. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them. Never forget a service you have rendered. Shirk your duties if you can. Do as little as possible for others."

Daily Walk, June 29, 1993.

"God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves."

D. L. Moody.

That describes a life without Jesus! Nothing greater to live for than oneself.

- Pleasing oneself, pampering oneself, pitying oneself, personifying oneself and promoting oneself.
- Not considering others, not caring about others, not living for, loving or glorifying God.

The heart sets the direction, the mind plans the course, and the life follows.

If Jesus is Lord, I will plan to follow him, and my life will reflect His rule in my life.

Jesus: Lord of My Mind

Philippians 2:5-7 ^{"5} Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

- *Let this mind –*
 - *Phroneo* (fron-eh'-o) – to exercise the mind, to think
 - **1 Corinthians 13:11** "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."
 - Instead of thinking, "**No one cares about me, so I don't care about anyone**"
 - Think like this, "**It doesn't matter whether people think about me or not, I will invest time in others.**"
 - *Outlook determines outcome.* If the outlook is selfish, the actions will be divisive and destructive
 - One must know and submit to the word of God to have the mind of Christ.
 - **Romans 8:5-8** ^{"5} For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God."
- *Being in the form of God –*
 - *"The word "form" means "the outward expression of the inward nature."*¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Vol. 2, p. 74). Victor Books.
 - **Colossians 2:9** "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily..."
- *Did not consider it robbery to be equal with God –*

- That's because He was, is, and always will be God!
 - **John 1:1-2** ^{"1} In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God."
 - **Titus 2:13-14** ^{"13} looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people."
- ***No reputation*** –
 - Also rendered, “*...emptied Himself...*”
 - ***Known as the doctrine of Kenosis.***
 - The word "**kenosis**" comes from the Greek verb *kenóō*, meaning "**to empty**". In theology, the doctrine of kenosis refers to **Christ's voluntary self-emptying when He became human** (incarnation) while remaining fully God.
 - It **does not mean** Christ gave up His deity.
 - It **does mean** He **laid aside the independent use of His divine privileges** to fully experience humanity.
 - Social media is filled with people trying to make for themselves, a reputation.
 - There is a major warning for those that become teachers.
 - **James 3:1** "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."
 - That is one way people today try make a name for themselves.
 - It's important that as people of God we understand the difference between someone called by the Holy Spirit to teach, and someone self-appointed because they have a camera and start a YouTube channel.
 - Another way is to put on a show at church. Some act one way at church and another at home.

- They may put on their spiritual sweet voice at church, work to maintain friend groups in ways that they benefit, while leaving others out.
 - If who I am at home doesn't match who I am at church, there hypocrisy in my life.
 - Jesus rebuked the Pharisees over being hypocrites.
 - **Mark 7:6b-7a** ⁶ Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: *'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.* ⁷ *and in vain they worship Me...'*
- **Philippians 2:3** "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."
- *Taking the form of a bondservant –*
 - As God, Jesus didn't demand to be worshipped or served.
 - Rather, He served.
 - He lowered Himself to our benefit.
 - The theme of the gospel of Mark is servanthood.
 - **Mark 10:42a-45** ⁴² You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 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."
 - Pastor Jack just taught that all the Gospels have a genealogy, except for Mark, because servants had no records or rights.
 - Jesus isn't rebuking leadership, He's rebuking evil self-serving, and/or self-righteous leaders.
 - The Pharisee ruled wrongly over groups of people.
 - Today, some want to rule over a group of friends or people.

- "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). In the Upper Room, when His disciples apparently refused to minister, Jesus arose, laid aside His outer garments, put on the long linen towel, and washed their feet! (John 13) He took the place of a menial slave!"¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). The Bible exposition commentary (Vol. 2, p. 75). Victor Books.

To have the mind of Christ, is to seek to bring glory to Him with my life and to exalt Him. I am not to live to bring glory, exaltation or reputation to myself.

- This leads to action!

Faith is lived out in action.

- A follower of Christ could never say, "My relationship with God is private."

Jesus: Lord of My Actions

Philippians 2:8 "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

- *Humbled Himself –*
 - **Luke 22:42** "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."
 - **Hebrews 5:7-9** ⁷...in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him..."
- *To the point of death –*
 - From the very highest, to the very lowest.
 - From ruling and reining, to dying on the cross.
 - **Matthew 16:24-26** ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him

deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Jesus: Lord of All

Philippians 2:9-11 ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- *Therefore God has highly exalted Him –*
 - The Greek word translated "highly exalted" is ὑπεριψώ (hyperypsoō).
 - Meaning of the word **Hyper** = above, beyond, exceedingly
 - **Ypsoō** = to lift up, to raise, to exalt
 - Put together, it means:
 - "To exalt to the highest possible degree"
 - "To elevate beyond all others"
 - "To raise to supreme rank and honor"
 - **Ephesians 1:19-22a** ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all *things* under His feet..."
 - *The name above every name –*
 - **Jesus**
 - Original Hebrew name: (Yeshua)
 - Shortened form of (Yehoshua / Joshua)
 - Meaning in Hebrew:
 - "Yahweh is salvation" or "The LORD saves"

- (yasha‘) → “to save, deliver, or rescue”
 - (Yah) → short form of Yahweh, the covenant name of God
- Greek name in the NT: Ἰησοῦς (Iēsous)
 - Transliteration of the Hebrew Yeshua into Greek phonetics.
 - Meaning in Greek: The meaning “Yahweh saves” is retained from Hebrew, though Greek readers would not automatically know it.
- **Matthew 1:21a** “...you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

At that name

- *Every knee should bow, every tongue should confess –*
 - *Every knee and every tongue of every person ever born!*
 - *Every knee and every tongue of every person ever born will acknowledge Christ—either willingly in this life unto salvation, or unwillingly after death unto judgment.*
 - Hell is eternal
 - **Daniel 12:2** “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”
 - **Matthew 25:46** “And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
- *Jesus is Lord –*
 - *The exhortation for the believer.*
 - **John 13:12-17** “¹² So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Most

assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.
¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

- *The invitation for the unbeliever.*

- **Romans 10:8-10** “*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*” (that is, the word of faith which we preach):
⁹ that if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, “*If He is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.*”

In Conclusion

Philippians 2:3-4 ³ Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

1. Don't allow ambition or conceit to drive your decisions

- Ambition* – or selfish desire
- Conceit* – or self-importance, thinking that you deserve something because of who you are.

2. Esteem others as more important than yourself

- Esteem* – regard, respect, admire, value, appreciate.
 - Who do you look up to?
 - How would you treat them if they came to your house for dinner?
 - What would you be willing to do for them that you wouldn't do for others?
 - That is how you need to treat everyone. Do you treat some people better than others?

3. Look out for the interests of others

- How can you help them?

- b. How can you pray for them?
- c. How can you encourage them?
- d. How can you show them love?
- e. Show genuine interest for them and who they are.

4. Follow Christ's example of humility

- a. **Philippians 2:5-8** ["]⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bon servant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

"Long ago, there ruled in Persia a wise and good king. He loved his people. He wanted to know how they lived. He wanted to know about their hardships. Often, he dressed in the clothes of a working man or a beggar and went to the homes of the poor. No one whom he visited thought that he was their ruler. One time he visited a very poor man who lived in a cellar. He ate the coarse food the poor man ate. He spoke cheerful, kind words to him. Then he left. Later he visited the poor man again and disclosed his identity by saying, "I am your king!" The king thought the man would surely ask for some gift or favor, but he didn't. Instead he said, "You left your palace and your glory to visit me in this dark, dreary place. You ate the course food I ate. You brought gladness to my heart! To others you have given your rich gifts. To me you have given yourself!" The King of glory, the Lord Jesus Christ, gave himself to you and me. The Bible calls Him, "the unspeakable gift!"

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