



Ministry Discovery

~ Lesson 2 ~

Having the Mind of Christ

When Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, he took time to describe the attitude of a true servant. In order for us to have that same attitude, we have to daily put on Christ. When we do, we will think like He thinks and feel like He feels. That is when we truly become one with Him.

Philippians 2:1-8 [Emphasis added]

1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

2 then make my joy complete by being _____, having the same _____, being one in accord and _____.

3 Do nothing out of _____ or _____, but in humility consider _____ better than yourselves.

4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the _____.

5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

He was God, but humbled Himself and came in the form of a man. He did not seek any special recognition. He did not come in a private jet with a limousine waiting for Him. No, rather Jesus came on the colt of a donkey in a human body that if we would see Him “...there is no beauty that we should desire him.” (**Isaiah 53:2**)

Jesus hid his identity and did not want to be recognized as God, but as a fellow man. He took off His royal garments and clothed Himself in flesh to come to serve us. Christ's focus was never on

Himself, but on the surrounding people. He "...came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give..." (**Matthew 20:28**) **1 Corinthians 13:5** tells us that love "...seeketh not her own". We have been instructed to be "imitators of Christ"; therefore, we need to realize we have been put here to serve just as He did, by His example.

Matthew 23:11-12 KJV

11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. **12** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Matthew 20:26-27 KJV

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; **27** And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

Proverbs 15:33 KJV The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

From all these scriptures, we see that the way to honor is humility.

In the Bible, we see that greatness has humble beginnings. In a barn is born the King of Kings, out of a 90-year old couple comes a great nation, a humble man with a speech impediment becomes a great deliverer, and an ugly man with contemptible speech become one of the greatest apostles!

Unlike the worldly cliché's such as: "Dress for Success," "You have to have clout," "Look out for number one first," that are used to express methods of climbing the ladder to success; the Church lives by the Kingdom Principles which are diametrically opposed.

Some examples are: "Give, and it shall be given," "...the last shall be first," "die and you shall live," "conquer by yielding," "win by losing," and "reign by serving." Those that live by these principles are the ones that truly prosper in body, mind & soul.

D.L. Moody once said, "The measure of a man is not how many servants he has, but how many men he serves." In other words, it is not what you have that counts, but what you do with what you have!

*Not, how did he die? But, how did he live?
Not, what did he gain? But, what did he give?*

*These are the merits to measure the worth
of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

*Not, what was his station? But, had he a heart?
And how did he play, his God-given part?*

~Author unknown

The Spiritual Gifts

Defining Gifts

1. _____ are the manifestations of the grace of God.
2. There are diversities of _____, differences of _____ and diversities of _____. **(1 Cor 12:4-6)**
3. _____ child of God has been given a gift. **(Eph 4:7-8; 1 Cor 7:7)**

God Determines Our Gifts/Ministries

1. *"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath ______. And if they were all one member, where were the body?"* **(1 Cor 12:18-19)**
2. *"Who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, NOT according to _____ works, but according to _____ and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"* **(2 Tim 1:9)**

We Are Not All the Same

1. Conformity to one another is _____ what God wants.
2. *"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in _____."* **(1 Cor 2:27)**
3. *"...but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are _____."* **(2 Cor 10:12)**

God Has a Plan Just for You

1. *"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou cantest forth out of the womb I _____ thee, and I _____ thee..."* **(Jer 1:5)**
2. *"For I know the _____ I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to _____ you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future..."* **(Jer 29:11, NIV)**

Notes: _____

Warnings Against Pride

"For by the grace given Inc I say to every one of you: Do _____ think of yourself _____ highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you." **(Romans 12:3)**

The Nine Supernatural Manifestations

(1 Corinthians 12:1-14)

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1. **WORD OF KNOWLEDGE:** A portion of information supernaturally revealed to you by the Holy Ghost that would be impossible to obtain from your own resources or human capability. See **Acts 5:1-11**
2. **WORD OF WISDOM:** Imparting divine intelligence and understanding through you. Used to help make decisions or judgments.

*Example: If Solomon had received the Word of Knowledge, God would have told him who the real mother of the dead baby was in 1 Kings 3. However, the Lord gave him the Word of Wisdom to bring about the same results. See **1 Kings 3:16-28**
3. **DISCERNING OF SPIRITS:** Allows you to not only recognize the presence of an evil spirit but to identify it as well. See **Acts 16:16-18**

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4. **GIFT OF FAITH:** Confidence and knowledge about something that God will bring to pass. In **Acts 27:18-25, 44**, God gave Paul the assurance that no lives would be lost on the boat.
5. **WORKING OF MIRACLES:** A supernatural event caused by divine intervention. See **John 2:1-11**
6. **GIFTS OF HEALING:** Supernatural healing of body or mind, not by diagnosis or by prescribing treatments, but by laying on of hands, anointing with oil, or sometimes just speaking the Word. See **Acts 28:8**

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7. **GIFT OF PROPHECY:** Supernatural utterance in the known language of the hearers. The Lord will speak to the hearers through a yielding vessel for the purpose of edification, exhortation, and comfort. See **1 Corinthians 14:3-4**
8. **GIFT OF TONGUES:** Supernatural utterance given by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned nor understood by the mind of the speaker nor always understood by the hearers. This gift should always be followed by the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues so the hearers can be edified. See **1 Cor 14:27-28**
9. **GIFT OF INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES:** Utterance in the known language of the hearers that interprets the utterance given immediately before in an unknown language. See **1 Corinthians 14:13**