

IT MATTERS: HOW WE SERVE

PART 2

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Philippians Chapter 2

SERVE:

1. UNSELFISHLY

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.” Phil. 2:3a

“For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.” James 3:16

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.” Romans 12:16

2. WITH HUMILITY

*“...but in **humility** consider others better than yourselves. **Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.**” Phil. 2:3b-4*

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.” James 3:13

“In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’” 1 Peter 1:5

3. WITH A CHRIST-LIKE 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.” Phil. 2:5-7*

He **emptied** Himself vs. being **full** of Himself.

“We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms -- to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.”

Victor Frankl ~ “A Man’s Search for Meaning”

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“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes.” **Chuck Swindoll**

4. **OBEDIENTLY**

“*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!*” **Phil. 2:8**

“*Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.*” **Psalms 119:34**

“*I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.*” **Psalms 119:101**

“*What does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul...*” **Deut.10:12**

“*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.*” **Mark 10:45**

“*For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*” **Ephesians 2:10**

“*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.*” **1 Peter 4:10**

“*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*”

Colossians 3:23-24

“*Well done, good and faithful servant!*” **Matthew 25:23a**

“*For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.*” **Mark 8:35**