
Christ's Attitude

Philippians 2:1-4

“Feeling overlooked

Joe moved through the dining room and took his seat at one of the tables. The program started, and young Christians began sharing their ministry experiences. One after another they were honored by the group. Joe began to feel uneasy, even anxious. He was a successful Christian businessman, well-known in the Christian community. Why were they honoring these young people and not him? Didn't they know who he was and what he had done for the community?

As the evening drew to a close, the coveted “Philanthropist of the Year” award was about to be announced. Joe sat up, believing himself to be a likely candidate. When the recipient was announced, the audience cheered as Joe declined the award, naming a more deserving winner.

Have you ever had feelings similar to Joe's? Have you wanted to be recognized for your accomplishments?

Reflection

Philippians 2 shows us the proper attitude, the one Christ had. He willingly gave up his ruling position with God to live as a servant on earth. “Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves.” (v.3) This is convicting. God doesn't care nearly as much about what Joe had done, as he cares about what Joe was becoming.

Accountability and Application

How does your mindset compare to Christ's?

- *Are you focused on who you are in Christ, or what you do?*
- *What can you do to change your attitude and to exhibit Christ's attitude?*
- *Think like Christ thought. He readily gave up a position that was duly his.*

Philippians 2:1-4 (New American Standard Bible)

Be Like Christ

¹Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

²make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

⁴do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.