
Learning Humility from Christ

Philippians 2:1-2

“Jack the 'go-getter'”

“Keep your eye on the ball, Danny,” urged Jack to his son. Jack is a hard worker, good husband and father, and a faithful church member. At work, he's known as a “go-getter”-- driven. The words “strive to be the best” have driven him, his entire life. From his first baseball practice at age 7 until now, he has struggled with the demands of the competitive computer industry. Now, it's Jack's turn to teach his son the lessons he learned from his dad. But sitting there in the bleachers, there was that nagging, restless feeling again, deep down on the inside. Sure, Jack's a Christian; he accepted the Lord into his heart years ago. But that peace that the pastor keeps preaching about continues to elude him. How can Jack have this peace?

Reflection

Jesus tells us in Matthew 11.29, “Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.” Many times that restlessness is a result of a lack of humility. That constant, inward striving could be because we have never learned true humility from the Master himself.

Accountability and Application

Do I have to give up wanting to be the best if I am to be humble?
Describe the character of someone you know who is humble.
How do people who are driven help each other practice humility?
Plan to read Philippians 2.1-11 every day this week during your quiet time.

Prayer: Lord, help me to commit to reading the Philippians passage daily and to seek your face. Help me to learn what its like to have Christ-like humility. Lord, work true humility in me.

Philippians 2:1-2 (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.