

## **Philippians 2: 12-30: Living With The Same Mind as Christ Jesus: Applications & Examples**

**Key Thought:** Paul taught of the amazing humility of Jesus, saying we should be of the same mind. This starts by letting go of your own will (like Jesus) and let the Father do His work in us and through us (like He did with Jesus). The selfless love, sacrifice, and service this produces will be a powerful testimony to the world; a world that places self above all else. The Bible is full of examples, great and small, and all are honored for their commitment to the work of Jesus, not the size of it.

### **Philippians 2: 12-16 Application of the Principle of Being Like-Minded with Jesus.**

- Salvation did not stop at the Cross, God has more that He would like to do in us.
- Be willing to let God do His work in you (like Jesus).
- Be serious about these good works, God is. Make your Father's will, your will.
- What will this look like in practical terms?
  - Do everything without complaining or arguing.(James 3:13-16)
  - Give no-one any reason to find fault in you.
  - Be a shining example of the Gospel in a dark world. (This will draw others to God, Mt. 5:16)

### **Philippians 2: 17-18 The Example of Paul.**

- Willing to die as an additional offering if it strengthens God's work in their lives (drink offering).
- Paul rejoices over his ability to do so. (Hebrews 12:2).

### **Philippians 2: 19-24 The Example of Timothy**

- Takes a genuine interest in the welfare of others (he isn't doing this to get something in return).
- Looks out after the interest of Christ first.
- He is so devoted to the work he is like Paul's son.

### **Philippians 2:25-30 The Example of Epaphroditus**

- Came to take care of Paul in their place (not a very big service, just one guy).
- So devoted to the task, that he served to the point of death.
- Therefore, receive him with great honor; It's not the size of the gift or service, it's the faithfulness with which it was done.