

Philippians

Part 11 - Philippians 2:8

HUMILITY The Prerequisite to OBEDIENCE

Philippians 2:1-11

1 Therefore 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,

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

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

4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

8 Being found in appearance as a man, **HE HUMBLED** Himself **by becoming OBEDIENT** to the point of death, even death on a cross.

9 For this reason also, God highly **EXALTED** Him, and **BESTOWED** on **Him the name which is above every name,**

10 so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5. Have this attitude (*the attitude depicted in 2b to verse 4*) in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

1 Peter 3:22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers **had been subjected to Him.**

Revelation 12:7-8

7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, 8 **and they were NOT STRONG ENOUGH**, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

1 Corinthians 4:6-16

6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us **you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become ARROGANT** in behalf of one against the other.

7 For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

8 You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, I wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

10 **We are FOOLS** for Christ's sake, but YOU are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but **YOU** are strong; **YOU** are distinguished, but we are without honor.

11 To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless;

Philippians 4:9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

1 Corinthians 4:12-16

12 and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure;

13 when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.

14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

'This "exerts positive pressure" on someone's logic (reasoning), i.e. urging them to choose (turn to) God's best.'

15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

16 Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.

'To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour.'

– Winston Churchill