

## WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:5-11

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*“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited.”*

Paul’s letter to the Philippians urges them to live in humility, to become as a slave like Christ did. True humility comes from seeing yourself in relation to God. It is essential if we want to walk with God. Scripture tells us often to walk humbly with God.

Who wants humility? A lowly or humble person meant being a slave. Everyone assumed that lowly people had no intelligence. The idea of humility seemed especially out of place in Philippi. The town obeyed the Law of Italy, which made it a rather small, self-governing town. Pride and self-importance were part of their everyday life in Paul’s day.

Paul insisted that Christians cultivate humility, but not with groveling and abject demeanor. Paul wanted the people of Philippi to have biblical humility. This is not thinking of oneself more highly than anyone else, but rather acknowledging what one truly is – with all of one’s strengths and weaknesses, pluses and minuses, successes and failures. Real humility makes people so truthful that they don’t hesitate, when necessary, to tell about even their good qualities. Jesus praised the humble, the poor in spirit.

Jesus was obedient to God. Obedient so much that He died on the cross. Are you willing to be obedient to God? Do you live by humble means? Humility is not an option for us believers. It is essential. We are urged to live and love as Christ did. We are not called to love only those who are like us or only do the things we do. Christ tells us to love one another no matter what. Have the mind of Christ. Love EVERYONE, regardless of their lifestyle, socio-economic status, gender, or beliefs.

The Christian life should be a sacrifice if we are to follow Christ. Does your faith cost anything? If Christ is our example then we see that there is no cross without a crown. If we suffer with Him, we will also reign with Him!

**Prayer:** Lord, let me know my end and what is the measure of my days. Remind us to love everyone as Jesus taught us. Is there anything coming between me and you and our fellowship today? Give me wisdom for the day and help me remember it is not about me today but about YOU. May my life song be pleasing to you oh God. Amen

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