

PHILIPPIANS Lesson 19

Chapter 2, verses 1-8: Living for Others / Jesus, Our Example

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Vs 3 Esteem others better than yourself.

Vs 4 **“Look not every man on his own things, but...others.”** Our aim ought to be that we might serve and be a blessing to others. We shouldn't expect others to serve us.

- Today, people quit church if things don't go their way or if they don't get what they want.
- If we would go to church, looking for ways to be a help to others, expecting nothing in return, blessings would follow.

Vs 5 **“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”** Jesus Christ is our example. He came to this world to minister to others (Mt 20:28, Mk 10:45).

- He was, **“despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief”** (Isa 53:3). He suffered and died for us, not for His benefit, but for ours.
- You cannot be a Christian (a Christ-follower) and be self-centered, and self-serving. You've got to put others first like Jesus Christ did.
- Books and ministries that promote man and make Christianity about YOU and your benefits, are not Christian at all. They contradict true Christianity.
- **1 Peter 3:8-9**, a true Christian will be compassionate, love the brethren, not treat others the way they treat you (evil for evil), but they will put down their own life (including emotions and feelings) for the benefit of others.

Vs 6 Christ Jesus— **“thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”** Jesus Christ had the right to claim deity. He was God manifest in the flesh (1 Tim 3:16).

Vs 7 But Jesus Christ **“made himself of no reputation.”** He denied Himself of the honor and respect He deserved and **“took upon him the form of a servant...”**

Vs 8 **“...He humbled himself, and became obedient...even the death of the cross.”**

- Jesus humbled himself, being **“made in the likeness of men”** so He could die for you. He did it all for your eternal benefit.
- The Christian life is denying yourself for others, as Jesus did.

A true Christian will do the following:

1. Esteem other better than yourself.
2. Stop looking out for your own things.
3. Look out for the things of others.
4. Make yourself of no reputation.
5. Humble yourself.
6. Willingly lay down your life (your desires, your feelings, your ambitions, etc.) for the well-being of others.