

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to be like-minded, lowly minded, and Christ minded?
2. Is our lack of joy related to our attitude or dedication to Christ?
3. What is meant by dedicated discipleship?

### SUMMARY:

“LET NOTHING BE DONE THROUGH STRIFE OR VAIN GLORY; BUT IN LOWLINESS OF MIND LET EACH ESTEEM OTHER BETTER THAN THEMSELVES.” (Philippians 2:3)

There is a guideline we can use to examine our own hearts to see how we measure up to the example Christ has set before us. We cannot be dedicated to Christ if our relationship to self and our fellow man is out of balance.

The Bible emphasizes the necessity of laboring hand in hand with our brother. In rendering a service to all mankind, we should display the Christ-like virtues of honesty, sincerity, and humility that we may shine as lights in this wicked and perverse nation.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

August 17, 2025

Third Quarter

### DEDICATION

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**LESSON TEXT:** Philippians 2:1-16

**LESSON SETTING:** Written by Paul from Rome to the Philippians.

**TIME:** Approximately 64 A.D.

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- I. AN ADMONITION.** Philippians 2:1-4
  - A. To Work Together (vs. 2) 1 Corinthians 3:9
  - B. To Stay Humble (vs. 3) 1 Peter 5:5-6
  - C. To Be Helpful (vs. 4) 1 Corinthians 16:15-16
- II. CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.** Philippians 2:5-11
  - A. Laid Aside His Divine Form (vs. 6) 1 John 4:2
  - B. Made Himself of No Reputation (vs. 7) Matthew 20:28
  - C. Took the Form of a Servant (vs. 7) Luke 22:27
  - D. Was Made Like Man (vs. 7) Galatians 4:4
  - E. Humbled Himself (vs. 8) Matthew 11:29
  - F. Obedient Unto Death (vs. 8) 2 Corinthians 5:15
- III. A CHALLENGE.** Philippians 2:12-16
  - A. To Be blameless Before God (vs. 15) 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Hebrews 8:7
  - B. Harmless to Men. Matthew 10:16
  - C. Spiritual Light. Matthew 5:14; Acts 13:47
  - D. Word of Life. Matthew 4:4; John 6:63

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**GOLDEN TEXT:** *LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS.* Philippians 2:5

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Romans 12:1-13; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Exodus 35:20-35; 36:1-7;  
Matthew 25:14-30

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Marks of a Christian

**TOPIC:** SERVICE

**INTRODUCTION:**

Very often people think of works being meant by the word "service." They become involved in doing good deeds in committees, organizations, meetings, etc., in which they believe they are serving God. So much is involved that no room is left for the Holy Spirit's guidance. He is completely left out. Such works are only wood, hay and stubble and will be burned.

The true service to God is to be so yielded that the Holy Spirit has complete control. When He says do this or that, we do it. We must be ready to do His bidding at a moment's notice not by planned arrangements by man. His works are works of love, faith, humility, gentleness, goodness, longsuffering, peace, etc. They are works of gold, silver, and precious stones that the fire cannot consume. For these we shall receive rewards.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Quality weighs heavier than quantity when it comes to the rewards of our Christian service.

***GOLDEN TEXT: IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOR.***

John 12:26

When Jesus was on this earth, He set us an example of service. He not only served the Father, doing the works to which he had been appointed, but He also served mankind. Because of this faithful service, God honored Him with His help and presence, with the answers to His prayers, even sending angels to comfort and sustain Him.

As Jesus' mission was to make man one with God, as He is one with God, this great blessing is now extended to all who serve Him in promoting this union with one another and with God.

What a precious promise we have when we enter into Christ's service. "As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." (John 17:18) "And the glory which Thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." (John 17:22)

With mankind, straying, poor and ill.  
In loving kindness Thou didst deal;  
O that such friendliness divine,  
Such helpfulness were also mine!

Z.H. 164:5

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 18 – 24**

Mon. Everyone Needed. Exodus 35:20-29  
Tue. Anointed Leadership. Exodus 35:30-35  
Wed. Rewards for the Faithful. Matthew 25:14-23  
Thu. Judgment for the Unfaithful. Matthew 25:24-30  
Fri. \*Ministry for All. Romans 12:1-8  
Sat. \*Proper Attitudes. Romans 12:9-13  
Sun. \*Proper Motivation. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15

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