

Philippians 2:5-8 "Christ Our Example"
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(Philippians 2:3-5) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

- **A humble, serving lifestyle brings joy and fulfillment**
- **Jesus is our example of a serving lifestyle**

Proverbs 4:23 CEV Carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of true life

Proverbs 23:7 As a person THINKS in their heart....so they are!

- **Thinking like Christ means being like Christ**

(Philippians 2:6) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

John 1:1-3 (NLT) In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

- **Jesus is God – part of the trinity**
- **Jesus is equal with God**
- **Jesus always existed**

(Philippians 2:7) but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

- **Jesus came to earth as a human – fully man and yet fully GOD!**

(Philippians 2:8) And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross!

- **Jesus came to earth to model a servant lifestyle for us**

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- **Servant attitude = Servant action**
- **Jesus came to earth to provide sinful man the ONLY way back to Holy God**

Hebrews 2:17 (NLT) Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.

(John 13:1-5) It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things

under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him.

(John 13:12-14) When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord', and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- **Jesus died on the cross because **YOU** were worth it**

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. CEV = Contemporary English Version. NLT = New Living Translation. NKJV = New King James Version.