



June 25, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell Philippians 2:12-18 | "God's Gym"

Sermon Application Review from Phil 2:5-11

How did you adopt Christ's humble attitude this past week?
What small acts of selfless servanthood did you perform?

Scripture References

Philippians 2:12-18
Ephesians 2:8-10
Exodus 15:22-25
Psalm 95
John 15:11; 16:24; 17:13
Isaiah 42:6; 49:6
Matthew 5:14-15

Study Questions

1. In what specific ways have you sought to work out your salvation in your church family (2:12)? How have you sensed God working in you (2:13)? In what ways has He increased your desire and obedience? How have you responded to Him in the past several weeks? In what practical ways have you grown spiritually in the last six months? What dominant truth has the Lord taught you? What steps of obedience have you taken?
2. Why is it so hard to "do all things without grumbling or disputing" (2:14)? How have you violated this command this week? How might you share legitimate concerns or issues with someone without violating the command? Read Romans 1:18-32 (1:21-22); 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 (10:8); and 2 Timothy 3:1-9 (3:2). How do these verses categorize grumbling and ingratitude? What difference does this make in shaping your perspective on whining?
3. Paul exhorts Christians to be "children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation" (2:15). Billy Graham once said, "Every generation is strategic. We are not responsible for the past generation, and we cannot bear full responsibility for the next one; but we do have our generation. God will hold us responsible as to how well we fulfill our responsibilities to this age and take advantage of our opportunities." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? What can you do to ensure that you are a wise and responsible steward of your generation? How are you currently fulfilling this mandate?
4. As Christians, we are to hold out the word of life (2:16). How is your life functioning as a "light" that brings pleasure to your leaders and your God? In what way has the world noticed your godly behavior? How has this served as a witness? Where can you improve? Who will hold you accountable?
5. How do you sacrifice yourself for your local church (2:17-18)? When did you begin serving in the church? Was there something in particular that led you to serve in this capacity (perhaps an experience, a person, or something you read)? What has God taught you through your service? How has your service met a need or encouraged someone else? How has your service brought you joy? What would you say to others who are contemplating whether or not to serve?

Recommended Reading

Jerry Bridges, *The Discipline of Grace: God's Role and Our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness* (NavPress, 1994)
Donald Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ* (Moody, 1996)
Joseph M. Stowell, *The Weight of Your Words* (Moody, 1998)