

Philippians 2:1-11

¹ Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. ³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sample Observation Questions :

1. *What is the flow of thought from verse 1-11? Outline.*
2. *What is the connecting thought between the last paragraph and this paragraph?*
3. *V1 : Identify all the if statements? What is the point of the many "if" conditional statements? Is there any commonality (ies) between the "if" statements? Or are they all saying different things?*
4. *What are the major commands? What is the basic command In verse 1-2?*
5. *V 6-8 : List every thought or action of Christ that exemplifies humility?*
6. *V9-11 : What's the main point? Is this still an example for us? What does verse 9 reveal about what God honors?*

Overview out line :

SECTION 1 : VERSE 1: The Foundations

1. "Therefore" : *THOUGHT CONNECTION*

 2. "If any" : A COMMON Powerful *BASIS, CONDITION, FOUNDATION, PRE-REQUISITE. ****
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SECTION 2 : VERSE 2-5 COMMANDS

1. BE LIKE MINDED

2. V3-4 Regard one another | Negative & Positive

3. RENEW OF THE MIND :

Part 3 Example ; WHAT DID YOU DO?? WHAT DID HE THINK?

a. What Jesus thought and did.

b. What God did

Discussion Questions

1. How do you define attitude? How do you struggle to have the “attitude” described in this passage?
2. In verse 3-4, we see the negative & positive commands related to pride and selfishness. Pls discuss how these commands can be applied in tangible scenarios or life circumstances. i.e. how does “regard the other more important than yourself” actually play out in real life circumstances?
3. In what way is the example of Christ, challenging to you? Discuss the thoughts and actions of Christ as displayed in this paragraph.

Next Week’s Passage : * Philippians 2:12-18 *****

1. What is the flow of thought from the previous passage?
2. From v 12-13, can you summarize what is the command and why are we to do it?
3. Why does he say “with fear and trembling”? The natural flow of the passage would lend better to with inspiration in Christ or encouragement in Christ.
4. What is the proper concept / picture of a Christian fearing & trembling here?
5. In v14-16a what are the proofs of being children of God?