

The Christmas season is the perfect time to reflect on what it really means for us that God became man. As God chose to empty Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, we are shown what true humility looks like. There is no better example to inspire us today to give to one another an attitude of meekness such that we might have a singleness of unity and purpose.

Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

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Who, being in very nature[a] God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

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rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature[b] of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

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And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

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Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

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that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

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and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Conclusion:

If Christ can give up His place, you can give up yours

Application:

Husbands and Wives

How can I serve you today?

Children and Parents

Children - How can I honor and obey?

Parents - How I can lead and love?

Everyone

How can I show you Jesus today?