

MIND SHIFT

THINK LIKE JESUS

#1 Others Before Self

1. THE PLEA FOR UNITY: Like-Minded Kindred Spirits

Philippians 2:1 *If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with 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 purpose.*

- A. Five Incentives for pursuing Unity
- 1) the encouragement of being united with Christ
 - 2) the comfort Christ's love brings
 - 3) the fellowship that the Holy Spirit creates among believers
 - 4) the tenderness and compassion that believers experience
 - 5) fill up MY joy
- B. Four Descriptions of Unity
- "be like-minded" "have the same love" "be one in spirit" "be one in purpose"*

2. THE PATHWAY TO UNITY: A Selfless Servant Mindset

Philippians 2:3 *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*

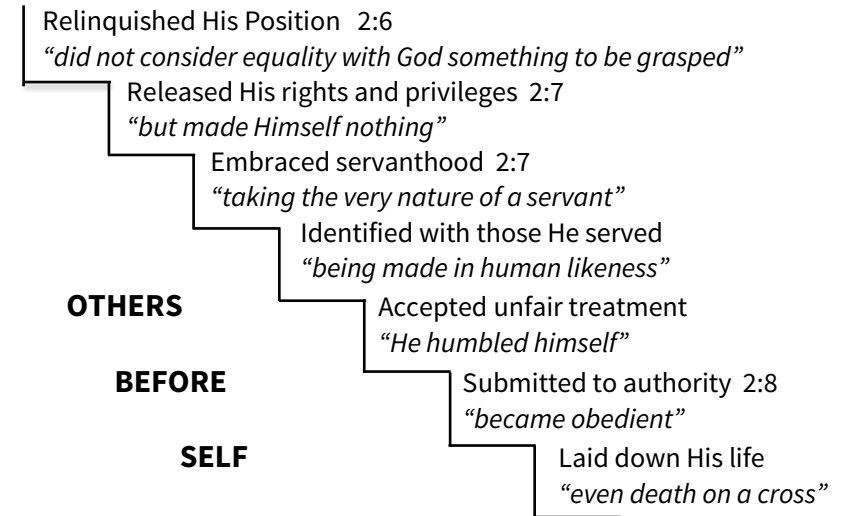
- A. "Unity-Killers"
- A competitive spirit *"selfish ambition"*
 - A proud heart *"vain conceit"*
 - A self-focused mindset *"look not only to your own interests"*
- B. "Unity Helpers"
- A humble heart *"in humility"*
 - An honoring attitude *"consider others better than yourselves"*
 - An others-oriented outlook *"look... to the interests of others"*
 - Adopting the Mindset of Jesus *"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus"*

The Mindset of Christ — Others Before Self!

3. THE PICTURE OF SELFLESS SERVANTHOOD: **JESUS!**

Philippians 2:6 *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

7 STEPS DOWN TO OUR LEVEL



4. THE PROMOTION OF THE SERVANT: **Name Above All Names**

Philippians 2:9 *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: 2 Corinthians 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: 2 Corinthians 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: 2 Corinthians 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Ephesians 1 |
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