# Having The Mind of Christ

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## INTRODUCTION

- But you look at God's expectations. God's expectations are exceedingly high. It's our expectations that have lowered. And we've got to raise those expectations up for our young people and also for ourselves.
- In our society, that's how we judge those things. We judge it, how much money do they have? How many people do they lead? How famous are they?

## 1 The True Measure of Greatness

**Mark 10:35–45; Genesis 26:24; Isaiah 49:3–7**

- In Mark the 10th chapter, we have the true measure of greatness.
- Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.
- 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.
- If you're following me, and you want to be great, truly great, then serve others.

## 2 Have This Attitude: The Mind of Christ

**Philippians 2:1–8**

- Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind, regard one another as more important than yourselves.
- Paul has taken a few more words to say what Jesus has said back in Mark chapter 10. Serve each other.
- How are we going to meet our Lord's expectations? To be great servants. Have this mind, Paul says.

## 3 He Did Not Cling to His Equality With God

**Philippians 2:6**

- The idea of form is it possesses all the essential attributes of God. Anything that God is, Jesus is.
- But to serve others, to serve God, even, he did not cling on to that equality. He let it go.
- That's something you and I have to let go too. If we're ever going to be true servants of God.
- Now what God needs is us to serve them. Serve them. Pick them back up. Forgive them. Help them know they're forgiven.

## 4 He Emptied Himself

**Philippians 2:7–8**

- He did not leave being God. He's still God with us on earth.
- He took the form of a bondservant, being made in the likeness of men. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.

- What will I not give in service to others? That's the challenge that Paul's making to us.
- My time, my resources, my finances, whatever God has given me to be used in the service of others.

## 5 True Service Always Meets Needs

- He knows us. He knows what we need. So he met the need.
- What's the greatest need man has? It's his soul separated from God.
- Right action always starts with right thinking.
- Know that your service is going to require sacrifice. It always does. Your time, your resources, your emotions.

## 6 Four Truths About Your Service

**Matthew 25; Romans 12:4–6**

- It doesn't matter where you are in life. You have a lot you've been entrusted with.
- Second truth about your service, your talents are different from others, and that's okay.
- Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly.
- That does not mean, though, that you shouldn't develop more. You can, you should. Because that's part of faithfulness.
- Don't ever look down on what you think is small abilities. Those small abilities, when used in service to God, can produce great results.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Use the talents you have now.**

MY NOTES