Learning to Submit

Ken Chapman · Philippians 2:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- Humility and submission go hand in hand.
- To be a Christian is to be humble. To be a child of God is to be submissive. You cannot separate those.
- A child of God, by its very definition, is one who looks like his or her father.

1 A Submissive Mind Is Selfless

Philippians 2:5–6

- Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Who being in the form of God did not consider it robbery to be equal with God.
- Selfless is the first step in humility and submission.
- True submission, true service will never be carried out by those who think of self.
- The idea of robbery literally means the idea of grabbing something.
- He didn't selfishly hang on to that thing.
- God kept talking to his people, kept communicating, kept carrying out his plan to redeem us to himself. Humility.

2 A Submissive Mind Serves

Philippians 2:7; Romans 15:1–2

- Who made himself of no reputation, and taking the form of a servant and coming in the likeness of man.
- He himself would say he came not to be served, but to serve.
- He washed the dirty feet of his betrayer. That's what a servant does. A servant serves.
- We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak and not to please ourselves.
- Think of him getting on his hands and his knees and washing somebody's feet. Because that will come up.
- Service, true submission and service, is active rather than passive. And what I mean by that is it seeks ways to serve.

3 A Submissive Mind Requires a Sacrifice

Philippians 2:8; Acts 2

- Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself. He became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
- The true mind of humility and submission says, no matter what.
- Not looking out for your own interest, but for the interest of others. That's sacrifice.
- They didn't give out of their excess. It says they sold possessions.

- It's different. When it's real. To say, I will really sacrifice to put you first.

4 For the Glory of God

Philippians 2:9–11; Ephesians 5:21

- God highly exalted him and has given him a name that's above every name.
- Jesus did these things not for his own glory, but for the glory of God.
- We all have the responsibility of submission.
- Every relationship obligation that Paul speaks about in the book of Ephesians is couched in our service to God.
- Submitting to one another in the fear of God.

MY NOTES