The Mind of a Disciple

Ken Chapman · Philippians 2:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- Following's a skill, isn't it? And it's a skill that's frankly lost on some of us.
- A disciple is a follower. It's someone who learns from, but more importantly, or at least equally important as learning from that one is that a disciple follows that one.
- To be a disciple of Jesus means that we listen and we obey. But it also means that we watch and we imitate our Lord.

1 Like Minded, of One Mind

Philippians 2:1–2; Matthew 18:2–7

- Fulfill my joy by being like minded, having the same love. Being of one accord, of one mind.
- He's not talking about complete conformity of thought. He's not talking about being carbon copies of each other.
- In regard to our love, our affection, our care, our concern, and our sympathy for one another, that we are to be the same. We are one.
- Being of one accord. Literally that means joined in the soul.
- We're on the same team, we're pulling in the same direction, and that when one of us falls, someone's going to be there to pull us up.
- To be like-minded means that we're going to have so much care for one another that we're going to go out of our way to make sure that we're not that offense.

2 Lowliness of Mind

Philippians 2:3–4

- Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind, let each esteem others better than himself.
- Humility is not thinking less of self, but thinking of self less.
- What do they need? What can I do to serve rather than to be served?
- When you come here to honor God and to encourage your brethren, then you will be served.
- Having the mind of a disciple of Christ means that we seek the interest of others first.
- How can I look out for their interest and not my interest this week?

3 A Submissive Mind

Philippians 2:5–11

- Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus.
- Christ submitted himself under the mighty hand of God.
- A submissive mind serves someone else. If you cannot be a servant, you cannot be a disciple of Christ.

- If I have not sacrificed for my God, and if I have not truly sacrificed for others, what have I given up to be like Christ?
- A submissive mind is a mind that will glorify God.
- When we do serve, when we do sacrifice, we don't blow the trumpet and stand around and wait to be noticed, that we deflect any praise and any glory to our Father.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you repent of your old selfish, self-centered ways and seek to be his disciple? And would you submit? Why? Because God said to.

MY NOTES