

JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

**Thinking Like Jesus**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

Since the resurrection of Jesus is a reality, our lives can forever be changed. We can experience the transforming power of Jesus in every aspect of our lives. One of the most critical choices we make is to let Jesus transform our minds. The Apostle Paul tells us in **Philippians 2:5** what that transformation should look like:

*“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”*

Let’s discover what it takes to have the mind of Christ.

1. I must **eliminate** an **entitlement mentality**.

*“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped...” **Philippians 2:6***

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...” **Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)***

*“He saved us and called us to be His own people, not because of what we have done, but because of His own purpose and grace. He gave us this grace by means of Christ Jesus before the beginning of time...” **2 Timothy 1:9 (TEV)***

Eliminate this mindset: **“I deserve it.”**

2. I must **empty** myself of **the right to control**.

*“... but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.” **Philippians 2:7***

*“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.” **Luke 22:42 (NIV)***

Eliminate this mindset: **“I demand it.”**

3. I must **embrace** a mindset of **servicing**.

*“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself...” **Philippians 2:8***

*“...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” **Matthew 20:28 (NIV)***

*“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” **John 13:15 (NIV)***

Eliminate this mindset: “**I decide it.**”

4. I must **express obedient love** in my **thoughts and actions**.

*“...and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!”*

**Philippians 2:8**

*“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”* **John 15:12-13 (NIV)**

*“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* **Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

Eliminate this mindset: “**I don’t feel like it!**”

5. I must **exalt and worship** the Lord **intentionally**.

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

*“You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You.”*  
**Psalm 118:28 (NIV)**

*“I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.”* **Psalm 145:1 (NIV)**

*“I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do.”* **John 17:4 (NIV)**

Have this mindset: “**Yes Lord, I will do it!**”