

**February 09 / Sunday**

**Playing Favorites: The Mind of Christ**

Read [Philippians 2:1-30](#)



**10 / Mon – Reality** | Read [Philippians 2:1-2](#) / [2 Corinthians 1:3-5](#)

This 2nd chapter starts with *'therefore'*. When you see this word, it is good to look at what was previously written. At the end of chapter 1, Paul mentioned that struggles and suffering are a part of life. Here he is reminding readers that -in Jesus Christ- there is compassion, comfort, and help through the difficulties you experience. How have you been able to share with someone else the same comfort and encouragement you've found among like-minded people who love God?

**11 / Tue – Actions** | Read [Philippians 2:3-4](#)

It is human nature to put yourself first. After all, if you don't, who will? That is the interesting thing about real Christians. Instead of acting out selfishness or conceit, one who truly follows Jesus is humble and considers others as important as themselves. In fact, not only do these people value others but they are as concerned about another person's welfare as their own. Do you know any person like that who watches out for you, even to the point of sacrificing their own preferences?

**12 / Wed – Mindset** | Read [Philippians 2:5](#)

You may be familiar with Jesus' life through the words written by men who lived and worked with him but have you ever considered what was going on in Jesus' mind in various situations? Jesus' words and actions were reported but *how did he think, what did he believe, and what motivated the things Jesus said and did?* If you want to become more like him, read his story again and look for answers to *those* questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand his mindset.

**13 / Thu – Challenge** | Read [Philippians 2:6-11](#)

Where can you learn how to have the right attitude? It starts by examining the attitude Jesus had, as summarized in verses 6-11. Jesus -the very Son of God- was humble enough to set aside what was rightfully His in order to do what was best for others, even if it meant he had to die. If you have the same attitude, you may not physically lose your life but it means you are *willing* to give up what you want or feel that you 'deserve' in everyday life. Are you up to the challenge?

**14/ Fri – Role model** | Read [Philippians 2:12-18](#)

Have you seen the acronym WWJD which stands for *What Would Jesus Do?* It is a tool to help you consider what Jesus would do if He were in your shoes right now. There are many times when this is a useful reminder. One example is something you hear almost daily - people complaining and arguing. What are the opposites of these two attitudes? What effect might it have on others if you eliminated them from *your* life and replaced them with their opposites?

**15 / Sat – Motivation** | Read [Philippians 2:19-30](#)

Timothy was a young disciple Paul met in Lystra on his first trip abroad. Timothy joined his team and was like a son to Paul. Because of imprisonment, Paul sent Timothy where he could not go himself because Timothy was trustworthy, known for his character, his integrity, and for how he consistently watched out for the welfare of others. What motivated him? Do you know anyone fitting this same description? What sort of impact have they had on you, if any?