

## **THINK RIGHT** **Philippians 2:5-11**

**God tells us how to think ... And Jesus is the model**

### **I. THE MANDATE** (5)

- Pattern your thinking after Christ's

A. THIS THINK: An order not an option!

B. THINK LIKE THIS: We are being told how to think

- By nature we want to think for ourselves, by ourselves about ourselves > Exp: Cain - Gen. 4

C. THINK LIKE THIS TOGETHER! Have this thinking among you

### **II. THE MINDSET** (6-8)

- The mind of Christ manifested as ...

#### A. SELFLESS (6)

- God equality was not tightly grasped

1. Though Christ was God in all of His essence ...

2. ... He did not cling to it.

- Christ did not grasp or hold tightly to power, privilege and position

3. He waived His rights of being considered equal - See Matt. 27:11-14 and 39-44

#### B. SERVING (7)

1. The Situation

a. He emptied Himself

b. He emptied Himself of the independent use of His attributes

c. He emptied Himself of status

2. The Occupation

- Taking the form of a servant > Matt. 20:28

3. The Manifestation:

- Coming in the likeness of men > John 1:14

#### C. SACRIFICIAL (8)

1. Subordination

- Obedient to the point of death > Matt. 26:39, 42

2. Defamation

- The death of the cross > Gal. 3:13 and see Ps. 22:17-21

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### III. **THE MISSION** (Application)

#### A. MOVE DOWN

1. The attitude of Christ led Him to actively move toward ultimate demotion!
2. We must be willing to be constantly demoted
  - We've "arrived" when we sincerely, selflessly serve others

#### B. GIVE UP ...

1. Position
  - a. Not clinging to my rights or status
  - b. Consider Christ's instruction in Matthew 23:10-12
  - c. Note Barnabus' example in Acts 13: 2 & 7 then 13, 42 & 46
2. Privilege
  - a. Do I want to serve or be served
  - b. See Romans 15:1-3
  - c. Exp: Joseph's multiple ups and downs

#### C. FOLLOW CHRIST

1. Be Humble - See Matthew 11:29a
2. Deny Self - Note Luke 9:23-25 and 57-62

### IV. **THE MAGNIFICATION** (9-11)

#### A. CHRIST'S MAGNIFICATION

1. Promotion (9)
  - a. Super-exciting director > God exalted Him!
  - b. Super-exalted position > The reversal of His humiliation
  - c. Super-dignified name > The name above all others
2. Prescription (10)
  - a. Every knee bows - See Rom. 14:10-12 and Is. 45:22-24
  - b. Every knee everywhere - Rev. 5:11-14
3. Proclamation (11a)
  - a. Every tongue confessing - Rom. 14:11
  - b. Testifying of Jesus Christ, Lord!
4. Praise (11b) > To the glory of God

#### B. THE CHRISTIAN'S MAGNIFICATION

1. God's grace for the humble - I Peter 5:5-6
2. God's gifts for the faithful - II Tim. 4:7-8

**CONCLUSION: We think right when we think Christ-like and therefore humbly submit to God and serve others.**