

Fellowship Groups Bible Study

SESSION# 6 Date: January 17th 2018

Text: Philippians 2:12-18

Topic: The “submissive mind” in chapter 2

Big Idea of the Study: ? (See end)

Outline of Philippians 2:

II. THE SUBMISSIVE MIND (2)

- A. The example of Christ—2:1-11
- B. **The example of Paul—2:12-18 <<< (January 17th 2018 Study)**
- C. The example of Timothy—2:19-24
- D. The example of Epaphroditus—2:25-30

Review Summary of “The Example of Christ”

Our Lord Jesus Christ illustrates the four characteristics of the person with the submissive mind.

He _____ ; Not Himself (2:5-6)

He _____ (2:7)

He _____ (2:8)

He _____ (2:9-11)

The Example of Paul

Few things are harder to put up with,” wrote Mark Twain, “than the annoyance of a good example.”

- Paul has just presented Jesus Christ as our great Example in the exercise of the “submissive mind”.
- Paul was not asking us to “reach for the stars,” though the higher the goal the more we ought to achieve. (Phil. 2:13).
- It is not by imitation, but by incarnation (Gal. 2:20).

The Christian life is not a series of ups and downs.

- “Work out your own salvation” (Phil. 2:12) does not suggest, “Work for your own salvation.” (Rom. 8:29).
- All of us must be like Christ

There Is a Power to Receive (2:13)

- The principle Paul laid down is this: God must work in us before He can work through us.
- It took God forty years to bring Moses to the place where He could use him to lead the people of Israel.
- *God is more interested in the workman than in the work.*

Provide additional examples and discuss:

The power that works in us is the power of the _____ (John 14:16-17, 26; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).

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Read Passages to understand the “power” that works in us:

There are three “tools”: the Word of God, Prayer, and Suffering.

Think of other examples perhaps in your own life.

1. **The W___ G_** (1 Thess. 2:13)
 - **App_____e**
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 - **Appr_____e**
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 - **App_____** - (Matt. 12:13).
2. **P_____** (Eph. 3:20).
3. **S_____g** (1 Peter 4:12–19).

The Word of God, prayer, and suffering are the three tools that God uses in our lives.

- There is a twofold joy that comes to the person who possesses and practices the submissive mind:
 1. A joy _____ (Phil. 2:16) and
 2. A joy _____ (Phil. 2:17–18)
- In the day of Christ (see Phil. 1:6, 10), God is going to reward those who have been faithful to Him.

That joy is a present reality (Phil. 2:17–18), and it comes through sacrifice and service.

God works in—we work out! The example comes from Christ, the energy comes from the Holy Spirit, and the result is—JOY!

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