



KINGDOM COMPASS – PART 4

SELFISHNESS AND APATHY

PHILIPPIANS 2

FIND UNITY THROUGH HUMILITY

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-8

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then **make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.** ³ **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,** ⁴ **not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**

⁵ **In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:**

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

LUKE 9:1-8

Then Jesus said to them all: **“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.** ²⁴ **For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.** ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

A DAILY PRACTICE FOR DISCIPLES: deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus.

HAVE THE SAME MINDSET AS KING JESUS

1 CORINTHIANS 2:11-12, 16

In the same way **no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.** ¹² **What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.**

But we have the mind of Christ.

Depend on the Holy Spirit’s guidance to develop the mindset of King Jesus.

MATTHEW 11:27-30

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. **No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.**

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ **Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,** for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Become a serious student of Jesus.

WHAT DOES JESUS KNOW?

How much God cares—which frees Him from worry.

God will provide—which fosters generosity.

God sees & rewards—no need for human affirmation.

God judges justly—I can forgive and not retaliate.

You are safe, secure, and immortal—no need to fear.

The unity and loving service Paul calls us to live are only possible for humble, devoted students of Jesus. When our compass arrow is pointing true—at Jesus and His Kingdom—then our lives open up in love toward other people.