



BETHELCHURCH

Check Your TUDE!
No Matter What (Philippians)
Philippians 2:1-11
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At Home Study Guide

For the week of July 24, 2016

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Fellowship with the Spirit

Tenderness and Compassion

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Humility –

Oswald Chambers: “We have to get rid of the idea that we understand ourselves, it is the last conceit to go. The only one who understands us is God. The greatest curse in spiritual life is conceit. If we have ever had a glimpse of what we are like in sight of God, we shall never say, “Oh, I am so unworthy,” because we shall know we are, beyond the possibility of stating it. As long as we are not quite sure that we are unworthy, God will keep narrowing us in until He gets us alone. Wherever there is any element of pride or of conceit, Jesus cannot expound a thing.”

Check – vv. 6-11

Everything God is, Christ is. *He gave up glory to gain for you glory with Him!*

To empty Himself meant that He set aside all of His own self interests in order to do the will of the Father. Christ’s humility was a willingness to set aside the comfort and perfection of heaven to make Himself nothing. He had a right to heaven, yet He gave up His rights to do the will of the Father.

Quick Review

Humility can be elusive; as soon as you think you are humble, you are not. To become humble, we must recognize we are proud. The journey through pride to humility is not for the faint of heart. When found, humility stands out. John Dickson writes in *Humilitas* that humility is, “holding power loosely for the sake of others.” Humility becomes the strength by which we can love and serve others. To the young church in Philippi, Paul reminds the church that Jesus is the ultimate example of humility. Jesus was obedient to death on the cross, humbling himself for the glory of the Father. God invites you and me to similar humility, dying to ourselves that we might glorify our Heavenly Father.

Questions

What is the most humble task that has to be done at your house? Why is it a “humble” task?

When you think of a humble person, who comes to mind first and why?

Is meekness the same as weakness, why or why not? What scriptures come to mind when you compare meekness and weakness?

How would you summarize Philippians 2:6-11 in your own words?

Psalm 51, Ephesians 5, Romans 6, and Philippians 2 all follow a pattern of rooted identity in God, followed by treasuring God's work in your life, then presenting yourself as God's instrument for good deeds. How can this pattern encourage you this week?

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