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Living with the Attitude of Jesus

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²⁰ Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor. ²¹ “What is your request?” he asked.

She replied, “In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.”

²² But Jesus answered by saying to them, “You don’t know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?”

“Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!”

²³ Jesus told them, “You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.”

²⁴ When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. ²⁵ But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. ²⁸ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:20-28, NLT)

The world teaches us to look out for ourselves and for our own interests _____. To be the _____ character in every part of our life and to pursue our own _____ without any consideration of others in the process.

But Jesus teaches us that His expectations are _____ than the world. He expects us to stop pursuing our own _____, and instead to live our lives in _____ and _____ to God.

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above all other names,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:1-11, NLT)

Here are 4 characteristics of the attitude of Jesus:

(Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary, p. 76)

1. He thinks of _____, not Himself. (v. 5-6)

2. He _____. (v. 7)

3. He _____. (v. 8)

4. He _____ God. (v. 9-11)

**So, my dear brothers and sisters,
be strong and immovable.**

**Always work enthusiastically for the Lord,
for you know that nothing you do for the Lord
is ever useless.**

(1 Corinthians 15:58, NLT)