

2 Fantabulous Attitude

Three Keys to Unlocking a Healthy Church

Philippians 2:5-11

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Are you a Tigger or an Eeyore?

Bright and Cheerful or Gloom and Doom

Philippians 2:5-11 Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. ⁷ But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, ⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phi 2:5-11 CEB)

I. **A Fantabulous Attitude** involves Your

Surrender (6-7a) Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. ⁷ But he **emptied himself**

Surrender is a battle term. It implies giving up all rights to the conqueror. When an opposing army surrenders, they lay down their arms, and the winners take control from then on. Surrendering to God works the same way. God has a plan for our lives, and surrendering to Him means we set aside our own plans and eagerly seek His. The good news is that God's plan for us is always in our best

interest, unlike our own plans that often lead to destruction. Our Lord is a wise and beneficent victor; He conquers us to bless us.

Our Lord surrendered his rights in order to save us.

He left the glory of heaven (2 Corinthians 8:9).

He voluntarily limited the use of his Godly attributes.

What should Believers Surrender? Our will for God's Will for our lives!

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 22-26 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

II. A Fantabulous Attitude involves Your Service (7b) by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human,

Jesus did not just put on a **Slaves Clothing** he literally became a slave! A Slave was one who carried others burdens!

God Himself came to carry the sin-burden of all of humanity. **Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- every one-- to his own way; and the LORD has **laid on him** the iniquity of us all.

He took on the form of a servant. He came to earth to serve God, and us, by dying for our sins.

Your Service is being Faithful to Him! **Hebrews 11:6** And **without faith** it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God **must believe** that he exists and that **he rewards** those who seek him.

Can you be **75% Faithful** to your Spouse?

III. A Fantabulous Attitude involves Your Submission (8a) he humbled himself

Humbled Himself has the idea of lying low. Jesus lowered Himself not only relative to God but also to other men.

John MacArthur: “The most dramatic and poignant time of Jesus self-abasement was during His arrest, trial, and crucifixion. He was mocked, falsely accused, spat upon, beaten with fist, scourged, and part of His beard painfully plucked out. Yet He was never defensive, never bitter, never demanding, never accusing. He refused to assert His rights as God or even as a human being.”

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (Jam 4:7 ESV)

IV. **A Fantabulous Attitude** involves Your

Sacrifice (8b) by becoming **obedient** to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Romans 5:12 & 19 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through **one man**, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—**(19)** For as by the **one man's disobedience** the many were made sinners, so by the **one man's obedience** the many will be made righteous.

Your sacrifice will lead to Your Obedience to Him!

John 14:15 "If you love me, **you will keep** my commandments.

V. **A Fantabulous Attitude** involves Your

Satisfaction (9-11) Therefore, God highly **honored him** and gave him a **name above all names**,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

➤ **The Source** of Your Satisfaction **(9a)** Therefore, God highly **honored him**

➤ **The New Name** Given to Christ **(9b)** Therefore, God highly **honored him** and gave him a **name above all names**,

- **You will also be Rewarded Revelation 2:17** "Anyone who has an ear should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. I will **give the victor** some of the hidden manna. I will also **give him a white stone**, and on the

stone a **new name** is inscribed that no one knows except the one who receives it.

The **white stone** in The Roman Games was given to the Victor with his name written on it that served as his personal ticket to the special awards banquet.

The **New Name** will serve as each believers admission pass into eternal glory. It will reflect God's special love for and adoption of every true child of God!

As a result of Jesus' actions on earth, God has highly exalted Him, and will continue to exalt Him. As we have the same attitude as Christ, there will be rewards for us when we appear before Him at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must **all appear** before the **judgment seat of Christ**, so that **each one** may **receive** what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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