

Joy in Christ
A Servant's Heart
Philippians 2:1-11

1. Having a servant's heart means seeking unity with others.

Philippians ¹⁻² *If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends.*

John 17 ²⁰ *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.*

2. Having a servant's heart means embracing selflessness.

³ *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.*

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*

John 1 ¹⁴ *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*

3. Having a servant's heart means practicing humility.

^{3b} *In humility value others above yourselves*

⁷ *He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

Isaiah 53 ² *He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

Matthew 20 ²⁶ *whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

4. Having a servant's heart means valuing the lives of others.

⁴ *Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

⁸ *And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

Philippians 2 ⁹ *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*