

# What Shapes Godly Attitudes

Phil 2:5-8

## Introduction:

Different things shape our attitudes. Anger, frustration, rumors.....hope and once in a while I wake up from a totally untrue dream mad about something.

What things shape how you think and feel?

## Transitional Statement:

Attitudes play an important part in our Christianity and we should consider carefully the shaping of them.

## I. Submission shaped Jesus' attitude

A. Although Jesus was

Colossians 1:15-20

*15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. 19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

B. He embraced submission to God

1. Philippians 2:6 “...*although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped*”

2. He didn't seek power or position

C. 1 Corinthians 11:3 “*But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.*”

## II. Sacrifice also shaped Jesus' attitude

Philippians 2:7a “...*but emptied Himself...*”

A. Isa chapter 53 paints a picture of a willing sacrifice who poured forth Himself unto death....Isa 53:12

B. Jesus was our substitutionary lamb as pictured in the story of Abraham and Isaac in Gen chapter 22

1. 2 Corinthians 5:21 *“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

2. Philippians 2:3-4 *“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”*

### **III. Service was another key factor in Jesus’ attitude.**

A. Jesus embraced service to others.

1. Philippians 2:7b *“...taking the form of a bond-servant,...”*

B. John 13 tells us the story of Jesus washing His disciples feet.

C. Matthew 20:28 *“...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

### **IV. Humility was at the core of Jesus’ attitude.**

A. Philippians 2:8a *“Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself...”*

1. Matthew says that Jesus was gentle and humble in heart....Matthew 11:29

B. James tells us that there is glory in the high position of humility...James 1:9

C. God tells us that He is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble...James 4:6

D. And humility brings exaltation by God ...

1 Peter 5:6

*6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,*

### **V. Finally Obedience marked the completion of Jesus’ attitude**

A. Philippians 2:8b *“...obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*

B. To which Jesus reminds us that if we love Him we must obey Him also John 14:15

C. Revelation 2:10 *“...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

### **Conclusion:**

What kind of attitude do you have?