

# A Closer Look - 5

## *A Personal Bible Study in Philippians 2:5-30)*

*This is a Biblical investigation into the Letter to the Philippians. At the end of this study, we will have a better understanding of what Paul wanted to share with these people and how he communicated to them.*

*For this study let's name the theme of the whole letter: **Live Your Faith the Right Way: Serve the Lord***

*Let's divide the letter into these sections:*

<b>Always Be Ready to Serve the Lord</b>	<b>(1:1-2:4)</b>
<b>Watch the Way Others Serve the Lord</b>	<b>(2:5-30)</b>
<b>Go Out and Serve the Lord</b>	<b>(3:1-4:23)</b>

*This is totally your study. Nobody will be instructing you and nobody will be grading you. It will just be you, your Bible, these lessons, your own paper, and of course, the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you.*

### **Exercise 13**

Check off box when exercise is completed

In this section of his letter, Paul actually tells the people to watch what others do.

What three people does he mention & name 1 quality for each?

2:5-11 \_\_\_\_\_

2:19-24 \_\_\_\_\_

2:25-30 \_\_\_\_\_

Don't worry. We will come back to 2:12-18 later.

Obviously, the three persons were Jesus, Timothy, & Epaphroditus.

### **Exercise 14**

Check off box when exercise is completed

Let's look closer at the **Jesus** section (2:5-11). What words describe his character?

2:6 \_\_\_\_\_

2:7 \_\_\_\_\_

2:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Did you notice the "humble" in 2:8? It refers to the Lord Jesus Christ. "He humbled Himself & became obedient ..." Let's define it.

## **Exercise 15**

Check off box when exercise is completed

In the English dictionary (**HUMBLE**) = conscious of one's limitations, to intentionally lower one's self in position, not proud; (**Lowly**) = content with one's position; (**Meek**) = mild & patient = same word as "slimy mucous"; (**Modest**) = moderation & balanced.

Write your own definition of "humble" using the information above.

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In the Greek Language (**HUMBLE**) = A healthy & wise attitude in the heart

In the Hebrew Language (**HUMBLE**) = To depress, to look down & within, submit, TO BE **AWARE** OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES **WITHOUT BEING UNDER** YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Write your own definition using the Greek & Hebrew meanings.

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Do you see a difference between the English definitions and the Greek/Hebrew definitions? Write your thoughts.

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Do you think humble people are depressed & lack confidence? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Are meek & lowly people weak & losers? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Proverbs 29:23 says \_\_\_\_\_

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"Oh God, help me to constantly ask You to create a humble attitude within me."

*Hopefully, this brief study has caused you to look at your life and ask God to help you make changes. If you are interested in more studies in this series, ask your chaplain.*