

A Closer Look - 6

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

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 16

Check off box when exercise is completed

Look at the **Timothy** section (2:19-24). Let's assume Paul is talking about humility. What do you see in Timothy's life?

Look at the **Epaphroditus** section (2:25-30). Could Paul still be talking about humility? What do you see in Epaphroditus' life?

Exercise 17

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Go back to the section we skipped (2:12-18). This is **our section**.

List all the words you see that describe a humble person. Write the verse where you found the word.

Isn't that amazing? Humility is scattered all through this section of verses.

Humble people are strong; they can be quiet; they can be afraid; they can be great public speakers; they can be happy in the back room of the office; they can be a loyal follower; they can be a very competent leader; they can be any of us. God can & will use any personality or temperament that we have & we can still live a humble life in the process with his daily help.

What does your life look like? Are you struggling at times here? Join the club.

Explain. _____

Exercise 18

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How do we benefit from Jesus' humility? (2:8) _____

How did Paul & the people benefit from Timothy's humility? (2:19,23) _____

How did Paul & the people benefit from Epaphroditus' humility? (2:28-30) _____

How will your humble life benefit others? Remember – you are God's mighty man!!

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.