

# Transformational Thinking

## Replacing Self-Centered Thinking with the Mind of Christ

### HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

### SERMON NOTES

Philippians 2:3-8

Mark 10:43

## **I. Self-Centered Thinking Seeks Personal Importance**

A. **(Phil. 2:3a)**, *“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit.”*

1. Selfishness asks, “What is best for me?”

James 3:16

2. *“Empty Conceit”* describes an exaggerated self-importance

Matthew 6:1

3. Self-centeredness can hide inside of good deeds

1 Corinthians 4:5

## **II. Transformed Thinking Develops Humility**

A. **(Phil. 2:3b)**, *“But with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.”*

1. Humility is a way of thinking.

1 Corinthians 4:7

2. Humility gives others genuine consideration

Philippians 2:2

## **III. Transformed Thinking Looks Beyond Self**

A. **(Phil. 2:4)** *“Do not merely look out for your own personal interests....”*

1. Love will notice what self-centeredness overlooks

1 Corinthians 10:24

2. Looking to the interests of others requires deliberate effort

Romans 12:15

3. Barnabas is a good example of “other-centered” thinking

Acts 9:26-27

Acts 11:22-24

Acts 15:36-39

#### **IV. Transformed Thinking Adopts the Mind of Christ** (vs. 3-4 = The Command; vs. 5-8 = The Example).

##### **A. (Phil. 2:5), “Have this mind/attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.”**

1. Jesus is both our Savior and our example

1 John 2:6

2. Jesus possessed every right to receive honor, (Philippians 2:6)

3. Jesus emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, (Philippians 2:7)

#### **V. The Mind of Christ Chooses Sacrifice**

##### **A. (2:8), “He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”**

1. Christ’s humility was more than an attitude, it produced action.

1 John 3:16

2. The Mind of Christ Transforms Our Relationships, (Home, School & Workplace, the Church

#### **Final Challenge**

Matthew 3:17

Luke 7:30

Mark 16:16