

HOW TO HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

Phil 2:6-8

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“Let this **mind** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of **no reputation**, and took upon him the form of **a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and **became obedient** unto death, even the death of the cross.”

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“Having **the mind of Christ, His followers reveal the graces of **His character**. Nothing short of this will make men acceptable to God. Nothing short of this will give them the pure, holy character that those **must have** who are admitted to heaven.” Lift Him Up Pg 301**

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“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” Phil 2:12-13

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For us to **imitate the example of any man**-even one whom we might regard as nearly perfect in character would be to **put our trust in a defective human being**” 2MCP 428-429

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- 2. Not focusing on Jesus**

WHAT DETERMINES OUR CHARACTER?

“If the thoughts are wrong, the feelings will be wrong; and the thoughts and feelings combined make up the moral character” In heavenly places Pg 164

WHAT IS CHRIST'S STANDARD FOR OUR CHARACTER?

“Be ye therefore **perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is **perfect**.”**

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- 3. Character/Maturity Perfection – Conversion and Growth in the life of the believer**

CHARACTER PERFECTION

“The germination of the seed represents the beginning of spiritual life, and the development of the plant is a beautiful figure of Christian growth. As in nature, so in grace; there can be no life without growth. The plant must either grow or die. As its growth is silent and imperceptible, but continuous, so is the development of the Christian life. **At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be continual advancement.” COL Pg 65**

WHY DO WE NEED TO HAVE A PERFECT CHARACTER?

“The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people”

Desire of Ages Pg 671

HOW CAN WE OBTAIN CHARACTER/MATURITY PERFECTION?

“Who in the days of his **flesh, when he had offered up **prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears** unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he **obedience by the things which he suffered**; **And being made perfect**, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” Hebrews 5:7-9**

HOW CAN WE OBTAIN CHARACTER/MATURITY PERFECTION?

“In His humanity, perfected by a life of constant resistance of evil, the Saviour showed that through co-operation with Divinity, human beings may in this life attain to perfection of character. This is God's assurance to us that we, too, may obtain complete victory.”

Acts of the Apostles Pg 531

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“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty**

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**Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us
cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit,
perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” 2 Corinthians
6:16-18. 7:1**

HOW CAN WE OBTAIN CHARACTER/MATURITY PERFECTION?

“God teaches them that the perfection of character He requires can be attained **only by becoming familiar with His Word”**

Counsels to Teachers, Parents, and Students Pg 454
