



PART THREE: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 THE SECRET OF SELF-FORGETFULNESS

"I have met two classes of Christians; the proud who imagine they are humble, and the humble who are afraid they are proud! There should be another class: the self-forgetful men and women who leave the whole thing in the hands of Christ and refuse to waste any time trying to make themselves good. They will reach the goal far ahead of the rest. The truly humble person does not expect to find virtue in himself, and when he finds none he is not disappointed. He knows that any good deed he may do is the result of God's working within him. When this belief becomes so much a part of any man or woman that it operates as a kind of unconscious reflex, he or she is released from the burden of trying to live up to the opinion they hold of themselves. They can relax and count upon the Holy Spirit to fulfill the moral law within them. Let us never forget that the promises of God are made to the humble: the proud man by his pride forfeits every blessing promised to the lowly heart, and from the hand of God he need expect only justice!"

~A.W. Tozer, Pursuit of God

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

"Humility is the first stage of the Christian journey, as such, there are many ships still in the harbor."

~Pastor Monty

Humility Flows From Trinity (vss. 1-4)

* phronete

*Phil. 3:15-16

*Rom. 14

*1 Cor. 10

Q: *Am I making disputable matters indisputable?*

Humility Is Tangible in Christ's Humanity Ch (vss. 5-8)

* harpagmos

* ekenosen (kenosis)

*Luke 18

*Matthew 20:20-28

Q: *Am I grasping or giving?*

Humility Gives Jesus The Final Word (vss. 9-11)

* hyperypsosen

* kyrios

* doxa

*Acts 4:12

*Rom. 10:9-10

Q: *Am I trusting that God has the last word on all the things that seem impossible?*

Q: *Have I decided to follow Jesus, even though I still have my doubts?*

"Faith or sight, Christ or self, this is the most important choice a person will ever make."

~Pastor Monty