

Perspective Series: Part 2

"A Different Way of Thinking"

When I learn something NEW it is exciting... it's what I call a **Mind-Shift**

The Bigger the organization the more a leader does...NOT! The leaders should do fewer things with greater impact

I use to think that success was conquering something...

John Maxwell says success is when those that know you the best. Love and respect you the most.

Success is not what you do...It is who you are

I want to help you with a different way of thinking...

Let's recap from Philippians...

Written by Paul in 62 AD

Letter of thankfulness and instruction

16 references referring to mind...how you think...your attitude...remember, etc

Philippians 2 will teach us a different way of thinking...

A different way of thinking when you have a changed PERSPECTIVE

[Greek Word: Phroneo = Single-minded]

Why does this matter?...

James says...

- Double-minded man is unstable
- Don't conform to the world...renew your mind
- Take thought captive
- Whatever is noble, right, THINK on these things
- As a man thinketh so is he...

How you think determines what you will become

Don't copy other people, learn how they think, Learn how a person thinks and do whatever it is in your own calling.

For Paul it is **ALL about JESUS**

Think like Jesus

Have a mind of Christ

If you think like JESUS thought, you can live like JESUS lived.

The GREATEST COMMANDMENT:

Love God, Love others.

VERSE 3: Do nothing (In the Greek the word NOTHING means NOTHING!)

Be humble-minded and modest

VERSE 4: Your attitude should be

What is ATTITUDE? It is a little thing that makes a BIG difference

ILLUSTRATION: Lower half makes the upper half possible

ILLUSTRATION: Greatest batter of all-time; Greatest pitcher of all-time

What is your attitude?

Definition of Attitude:

Attitudes are habits of thought

Habits are acquired...

In action repeated becomes a patterned formed

MIND-SHIFT:

Pleasing God is not about SELF-PROMOTION, but SELF-ABANDONMENT

Jesus made himself NOTHING!

Equality with God is NOT something we should grasp

We lose our life in Christ to find Christ life in us

Think about the example of JESUS who made himself NOTHING!...

He stripped himself of ALL to serve SINNERS

As long as you are NOTHING, God can make something out of you

MIND-SHIFT:

Verse 1 – Paul addressed himself as a servant, not Apostle

I am a servant

[**GREEK WORD:** Doulos = Servant, permanently devoted to do the will of another]

MIND-SHIFT:

Serving is not what I do, it is who I am

ILLUSTRATION: Old woman with chainsaw

JESUS said I came to serve, not be served

How did JESUS serve?

READ> Verse 8-11

Scripture>Those that are greatest among you are servants...

HOW COULD PAUL...who was chained 24hrs a day, waiting on death row...

- How could he say... "TO LIVE IS CHRIST and TO DIE IS GAIN"...
- How could he say... "Everything is a loss compared to knowing Jesus"...
- How could he say... "Do not be anxious"...
- HOW?

REMEMBER THIS?...

"IF you think like Jesus, you can live like Jesus"

MIND-SHIFT:

How can I be JOYFUL?...

My JOY is not based on what happens to me, but what God is doing in me and through me

VERSE 17: If it cost me everything... I am GLAD and REJOICE with all of you

WHY? – Because it is all about HIM. It is not about ME

Paul's actions said...

YOU CAN LOCK ME UP, BUT CAN'T SHUT ME UP!

Joel's actions said...

Joseph's actions said...

David's actions said...

Nehemiah's actions said...

I WILL PRAISE THE LORD'S NAME!

I know you may be facing some obstacles and hurdles...

Ask God to give you a MIND-SHIFT...

Ask God to...Help you think like Jesus thought so I can live like Jesus lived.

Raise your hand if you want to think like Jesus

Think like Jesus, live like Jesus!

MIND-SHIFT:

God loves you and cares how you live...

You can't be good enough to remove sin from your life.

It is by grace we are saved.

If you want and need forgiveness and want to lose your miserable sinful life, and find abundant life in Jesus I want to pray for and with you right now...

Notes from the desk of Pastor Carruthers