

LAUGH AGAIN: EXPERIENCE OUTRAGEOUS JOY

THE HIDDEN SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE

PHILIPPIANS 2:1 – 11



The Heart of the Matter

In one word, what's the most Christlike attitude you can exhibit? You might guess "love" or "faith." How about "patience" or "forgiveness"? And don't forget "grace." All of these are fine answers, but not one of them is correct. There's only one place in the Bible where Jesus Himself described what it means to be Christlike. Philippians 2 provides the challenging illustration of what He said — an illustration for us to follow.



Discovering the Way

1. Christlikeness in One Word (Matthew 11:28 – 29)

This is the only place in Scripture where Jesus described what Christlikeness looks like.

2. Paul's Words Then and Now (Philippians 2:1 – 4)

Humility is what is needed (2:1 – 2), and though such an attitude seems difficult to live out, it can be accomplished (2:3 – 4).

3. Christ's Life Before and After (Philippians 2:5 – 11)

Humility is best illustrated by Christ, prior to His incarnation (2:6), in His coming (2:7 – 8), and since His departure (2:9 – 11).



Starting Your Journey

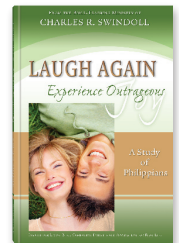
The one-word answer to the question above is humility. But here is the great question: Will you humble yourself before Him who is Lord . . . or will you wait until you will be forced to do so? The two-word warning is don't wait. Bow the knee now, and know what it's really like to be like Christ.



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