



sermon notes

"THE KEY TO YOUR BEST FUTURE"

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For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6 (NASB)

How can I experience my best future?

I. The Key to Your Best Future: _____

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
Philippians 2:1–4 (NASB)

If...

- "If any encouragement in Christ"
- "If any consolation in love"
- "If any fellowship of the Spirit"
- "If any affection and compassion"

Then...

- "Being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." – _____
- "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit." – _____
- "But with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." – _____

What is Biblical humility?

II. The Example of Your Best Future: _____

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:5–11 (NASB)

1. Jesus' humility (Phil. 2:6–8)

a. _____

b. _____

2. Jesus' exaltation (Phil. 2:9–11)

a. _____

b. _____

The Bible on Humility:

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10 (NASB)

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 14:11 (NASB)

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time...
1 Peter 5:6 (NASB)

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."
James 4:6 (NASB)

So the last shall be first, and the first last. Matthew 20:16 (NASB)

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 (NASB)

When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom. Proverbs 11:2 (NASB)

Point: _____.



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Something to take home and chew on!

1. What would you say are the key ingredients for your best life? What would you need to build your best future?
2. How do these keys support or differ from the Biblical key (God's key) to your best future?
3. What would Biblical humility look like in your life's context? What would it look like for you to have the attitude of Christ? To empty yourself? To become a servant? To be obedient to the point of death?
4. What is your vision for your best future? What does it look like? What does it feel like?

5. What is God's vision for your best future?

6. What is one thing you could do today, one decision you could make today, one step you could take that would move your life in the direction of a better tomorrow?

Suggestion: Talk to Bev Adams (badams@christchurchva.org) about an opportunity to serve others.

There are also a couple of service opportunities highlighted in this week's bulletin: <https://conta.cc/3IWaJGE>

ANSWER KEY:

I. HUMILITY

Then...

- **BE UNIFIED.**
- **DON'T BE SELFISH.**
- **BE HUMBLE.**

II. JESUS

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| 1a. <u>JESUS GAVE UP HEAVEN.</u> | 1b. <u>JESUS TOOK ON THE CROSS.</u> |
| 2a. <u>GOD EXALTED JESUS.</u> | 2b. <u>GOD MADE JESUS LORD OF ALL.</u> |

Point: **THE KEY TO YOUR BEST FUTURE IS HUMILITY. JUST LOOK AT JESUS.**