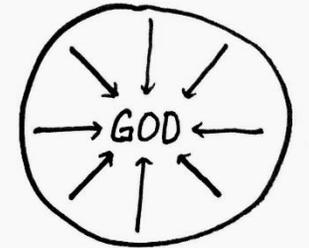


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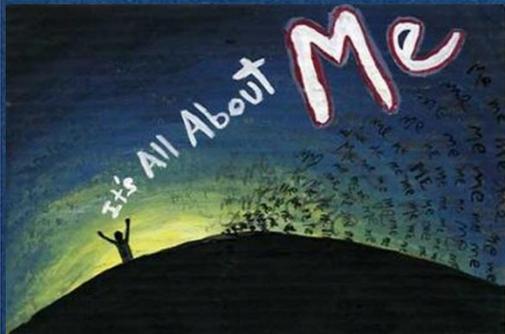
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The Christ-Delight Leader

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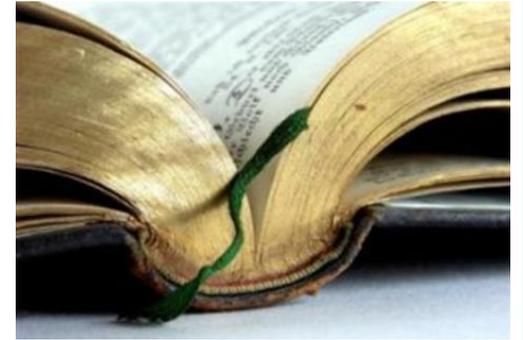


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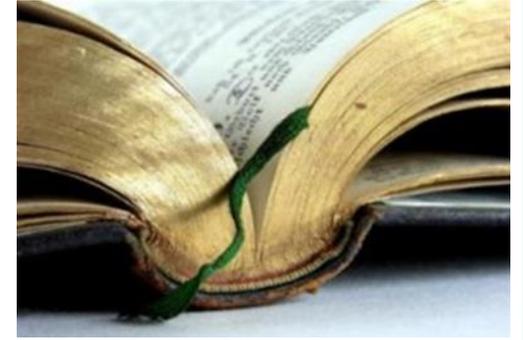
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“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,



not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.



And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself by becoming
obedient to death—even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest
place and gave him the name that is above
every name, that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven and on
earth and under the earth, and every
tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



I. The Resources Compelling Delight in Christ

A. The Encouragement from our Security in Christ

B. The Comfort from God's Love for Us

C. The Common Life we have in the Spirit

D. In Sum: The Compassion and Mercy we have experienced from God in Christ by the Spirit

II. Paul's Appeal to Top Up *his* Joy by Delighting in Christ

A. Christ-delight Joins with Others to Promote God's Saving Work

B. Christ-delight Renounces Self-Promotion and Gives Itself to Promote God's Saving Purposes in Others

III. The Delight-life in Living Color

- A. Paul's Appeal: Live to the Glory of God as Christ Did (v. 5a)

- B. Christ's Delight in God's Glory and God's Delighted Response (vv. 5b-11)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is in Christ Jesus:

Part 1

Who, although He existed in the form of God,
did not consider equality with God as something to exploit.

Instead, He emptied Himself,
taking on the form of a slave,
being born in the likeness of men,
being found in human form.

He Humbled Himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
death on the cross.

to the glory of God the Father.
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and every tongue confess
those in heaven, on earth, and below the earth--
every knee should bend--
that at the name of Jesus
the name that is above every name,
and bestowed on Him
Therefore, God highly exalted Him



Part 2

God, the Father

“Humility” is God-centered as Christ’s

Jesus led people toward God’s purposes for them with the heart of the Father.



Jesus’s obedience was an act of love for the Father in common cause with the Father



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God-Centered Leadership is a:

Life empowered and made possible by God's resources in Christ

Life that loves others toward the Mindset of Christ

Life demanded and shaped by the Pattern of Christ's delight in God's Glory

God-centered leaders have come to yearn for what God yearns for them. And, in turn, out of their experience of God's goodness to them in Christ by the Spirit, yearn for others to enjoy what God yearns for them. **They want those under their influence to know the joy that God has created them for and is redeeming them to become.**

Phil 1:8

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God-centered Leaders:

Care more about how those under their leadership reflect Jesus than anything else.

E.g. Does their speech reflect Christ's passions and priorities so that

**it praises what Christ would praise,
it warns against what Christ would warn against,
it draws people together around Christ and not around
something or someone else, etc.**

Look for, call out, commend and so reinforce attitudes and behavior that reflect Christ.

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God-centered Leaders:

Respond with joy, disappointment, or censure based on whether Jesus is honored/reflected or dishonored/misrepresented in the lives of those around you.

Your responses are not tied:

to how you came off,

to how you were elevated or not,

to how you were appreciated or not,

to how they liked what you did or not,

to a desire to make things comfortable for you, etc. etc.

God-centered Leaders surround their leadership with prayer:

prayer for you to magnify Christ;

prayer for you to love as you have been loved by Christ;

prayer for you to have courage to step in when Christ is being dishonored;

prayer to remind yourself that you are serving Christ first and foremost so that to do what you do for him and so for others is its own reward;

prayer for help to not let the evil one turn it into something all about you.

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