LESSON TWELVE

**The Christ-Like Mind**

**Key Verses**

**Philippians 2:5-8 - 5**In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#cen-NIV-29397A)) **6**Who, being in very nature[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29398a)] God,([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#cen-NIV-29398B)) did not consider equality with God([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#cen-NIV-29398C)) something to be used to his own advantage; **7**rather, he made himself nothing([D](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#cen-NIV-29399D))  by taking the very nature[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29399b)] of a servant,([E](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#cen-NIV-29399E))  
being made in human likeness.([F](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#cen-NIV-29399F)) **8**And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death([G](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#cen-NIV-29400G)) even death on a cross!([H](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8+&version=NIV#cen-NIV-29400H))

**Lesson Summary**

A recent trend started with the question, "What would Jesus do?" but this study encourages students to ask, "What would Jesus think?" In the last lesson, we learned to conform our minds to Christ's, and in this lesson, we are going to learn how to use our conformed minds by developing the characteristics of a Christ-like mind.

**Lesson Aim**

To challenge each student to get their thoughts out of the way by developing the mind of Christ.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

1. Practice selflessness by making themselves "of no reputation."
2. Choose not to be filled with thoughts of only themselves.
3. Strive to live by the thought in Philippians 3:10, "That I may know him"
4. Realize that the greatest goal they can have for their lives is to be a servant.
5. Submit to do anything that God asks them to do.

**Teaching Outline**

1. A Mind of Selflessness
   1. The ladder of no reputation
   2. The lesson of narcissistic regard
2. A Mind of Service
   1. The great servant
   2. A genuine service
3. A Mind of Submission
   1. The mind of Christ is to submit.
   2. The mind of Christ is by the Spirit.

**Text**

**Ephesians 4:20-21 - 20**But you did not ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4%3A20-21&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29280A))learn Christ in this way, **21**if indeed you ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4%3A20-21&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29281B))have heard Him and have ([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4%3A20-21&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29281C))been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

**Philippians 2:5-8 -** *"* **5**([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29384A))Have this attitude [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29384a)]in yourselves which was also in ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29384B))Christ Jesus, **6**who, as He *already* ([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29385C))existed in the ([D](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29385D))form of God, ([E](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29385E))did not consider equality with God something to be [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29385b)]grasped, **7**but [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29386c)]([F](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29386F))emptied Himself *by* taking the form of a ([G](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29386G))bond-servant *and* [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29386d)]([H](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29386H))being born in the likeness of men. **8**And being found in appearance as a man, ([I](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29387I))He humbled Himself by becoming ([J](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29387J))obedient to the point of death: ([K](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29387K))death [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A5-8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29387e)]on a cross.*"* (Philippians 2:5-8).

**John 1:1 -** *"* ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A1&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26039A))In the beginning was ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A1&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26039B))the Word, and the Word was ([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A1&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26039C))with God, and ([D](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A1&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26039D))the Word was God*"*

**Philippians 2:7A** *- "* **7**emptied Himself *by* taking the form of a ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A7A&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29386B))bond-servant *and* [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A7A&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29386b)]([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A7A&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29386C))being born in the likeness of men.*"*

**D.L. Moody** - "The man I fear the most is the one who walks underneath this hat."

**Abraham Lincoln** - "I fear a man named Lincoln. If I am defeated in this election, it will be by a man named Lincoln."

**2 Timothy 3:1** - *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."*

**2 Timothy 3:2** *-"***2**For people will be ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A2+&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29843A))lovers of self, ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A2+&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29843B))lovers of money, ([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A2+&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29843C))boastful, ([D](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A2+&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29843D))arrogant, ([E](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A2+&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29843E))slanderers, ([F](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A2+&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29843F))disobedient to parents, ([G](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A2+&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29843G))ungrateful, ([H](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A2+&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29843H))unholy,*."*

**Romans 15:3A -** *"* **3**For even ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+15%3A3A&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28295A))Christ did not please Himself…*"*

**John 8:29 -** *"* **29**And He who sent Me is with Me; ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8%3A29&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26403A))He [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8%3A29&version=NASB#fen-NASB-26403a)]has not left Me alone, for ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8%3A29&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26403B))I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

**Philippians 2:21** - **21**For they all ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A21&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29400A))seek after their own *interests*, not those of Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 3:10** - **10**that I may ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+3%3A10&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29419A))know Him and ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+3%3A10&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29419B))the power of His resurrection and [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+3%3A10&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29419a)]([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+3%3A10&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29419C))the fellowship of His sufferings, being ([D](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+3%3A10&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29419D))conformed to His death;

**2 Corinthians 8:9 - 9**For you know ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+8%3A9&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28929A))the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+8%3A9&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28929B))though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.*"*

**Matthew 20:28 -** *"* **28**just as ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+20%3A28&version=NASB#cen-NASB-23819A))the Son of Man ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+20%3A28&version=NASB#cen-NASB-23819B))did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+20%3A28&version=NASB#fen-NASB-23819a)]life as a ransom for many.”

**Luke 14:11 -** "**11**([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+14%3A11&version=NASB#cen-NASB-25558A))For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**John 13:17 -** "**17**If you know these things, you are ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+13%3A17&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26640A))blessed if you do them.*"*

**Philippians 2:8 -** *"* And being found in appearance as a man, ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29387A))He humbled Himself by becoming ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29387B))obedient to the point of death: ([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A8&version=NASB#cen-NASB-29387C))death [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2%3A8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29387a)]on a cross.*"*

**John 4:34 -** "...“My food is to ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+4%3A34&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26184A))do the will of Him who sent Me, and to ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+4%3A34&version=NASB#cen-NASB-26184B))accomplish His work.*"*

**Matthew 26:42 -** “My Father, if this *cup* ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26%3A42&version=NASB#cen-NASB-24094A))cannot pass away unless I drink *from* it, ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26%3A42&version=NASB#cen-NASB-24094B))Your will be done.”

**1 Corinthians 2:16B** - **16**For ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+2%3A16&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28398A))who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+2%3A16&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28398B))we have the mind of Christ.

**Romans 8:5-6 -***"*For those who are in accord with the flesh set their minds on ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A5-6&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28110A))the things of the flesh, but those who are in accord with the Spirit, ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A5-6&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28110B))the things of the Spirit. **6**([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A5-6&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28111C))For the mind [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A5-6&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28111a)]set on the flesh is ([D](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A5-6&version=NASB#cen-NASB-28111D))death, but the mind [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A5-6&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28111b)]set on the Spirit is life and peace,*"*

**1 Peter 4:1-2 -** *"*Therefore, since ([A](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A1-2&version=NASB#cen-NASB-30435A))Christ has [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A1-2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30435a)]suffered in the flesh, ([B](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A1-2&version=NASB#cen-NASB-30435B))arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because ([C](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A1-2&version=NASB#cen-NASB-30435C))the one who has [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A1-2&version=NASB#fen-NASB-30435b)]suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **2**([D](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A1-2&version=NASB#cen-NASB-30436D))so as to live ([E](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A1-2&version=NASB#cen-NASB-30436E))the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human lusts, but for the ([F](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A1-2&version=NASB#cen-NASB-30436F))will of God.*"*

**Study Questions**

1. God wants us to have selfless minds. However, when you read Romans 1:25, does this verse describe your Christianity? Explain your answer.

2. The greatest goal we could have for our lives is to be a servant. We are to have Christ's mind, and His mind is to serve. How can you serve God's people this week? In what ways can you serve more this week than you did last week?

3. Are you willing to do anything that God asks you to do? Is there anything that you are unwilling to do?

4. P.T. Forsyth said, "The purpose in life is not to find your freedom, but your Master:' Give five reasons that show how you are living a life that is directed to becoming more like your Master. (Example: (1) I memorize Scripture to have the mind of Christ.)

5. When we get "our thoughts" out of the way, we can then develop the mind of Christ. Write out Ephesians 4:20-21.

6. According to Romans 15:3, not one single day of Jesus' eternal existence was ever lived for Himself. What did He live for according to John 8:29?

7. After reading 2 Timothy 3:2, what does *"For men shall be lovers of their own selves"* mean?

8. How will you choose to live the rest of your life? Will you live in the lust of your flesh or with the mind of Christ? Read Romans 8:5-6 and 1 Peter 4:1-2.

**Memory Verses**

*"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."*

(Philippians 2:5-8)