

The Mind of Christ & the Root of Success or Humility & Prosperity

I. Balcony Project

Make Room for More!

Gen 12.2 ... I will **ble**ss you ... so that **you will be a blessing**. 3 ...
and **in you all the families** of the earth shall be blessed.

Life Center - I'm giving you an AMP.

So we are making room for more. **[video]** Better lighting, Better speakers, Better carpet. More classrooms for the youngest. More restrooms for the overflowing!

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit how you can PARTICIPATE in building something holy that will continue to bless the nation and the nations. Sometime later in the summer or fall we may have a special building offering. Maybe a Thermometer.

II. The Root of Success - the Mind of Christ

A. Upside Down or Right Side Up?

***Background on Philippians - Lydia, Jailer, Thankful Gift
Imprisoned, Ready to die & Joyful!***

1. A Prosperous Soul = The Mind of Christ

Phil 2.5 NKJ **Let this mind be in you** which was also in Christ Jesus,

NIV11 In your relationships with one another, **have the same mindset** as Christ Jesus:

NAS95 Have this **attitude** in yourselves ...

2. Coaching, Communion & Counting Others

Phil 2.1 So if there is **any encouragement** in **Christ**, **any comfort** from **love**, **any participation** in the **Spirit**, **any affection and sympathy**, **2** complete **my joy** by being of the **same mind**, having the **same love**, being in **full accord** [*same soul*] and of **one mind**. [*intent on one purpose*]

3 Do nothing from **selfish ambition** or **conceit** [*vainglory*], but **in humility** **count** others **more significant** than yourselves.
4 Let each of you **look** not only to his own interests, but also **to the interests of others**.

A delight to be surrounded with amazing and selfless people!

3. God Revealed on the Cross

Phil 2.5 **Have this mind among yourselves**, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though [*or "precisely because"*] he was **in the form of God**, did not **count** equality with God a thing to be grasped [*utilized, exploited*], **7** but **emptied himself**, by taking the **form of a servant**, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found **in human form**, he **humbled himself** by becoming **obedient** to the point of death, even **death on a cross**.

In contrast to the Roman generals and imperial cult, who were pursuing being called gods. The Greeks did it. Alexander was declared divine. Pharaoh was worshiped. Emperor Hirohito

Acts 12.21 On an appointed day **Herod** put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. **22** And the people were shouting, "The **voice of a god**, and **not of a man!**"

The Crucifixion was not an exception, a passing exercise in ultimate obedience, but but a permanent revelation of the nature of God **and** a model for human behavior. **God is REVEALED in Christ Crucified!**

Contrary to everything we expect, the Father is revealed in the Son as the One who empties Himself and humbles Himself to lift others up.

Because he was in the form of God, he poured out, he **didn't grasp and exploit**. This is the wisdom of God...

1 Cor 1.18 For the word of **the cross is folly** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

20 Where is the one who is **wise? ... scribe? ... debater** of this age? **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?**

22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but **we preach Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

27 But **God chose what is foolish** in the world to shame the wise; **God chose what is weak** in the world to shame the strong; 28 **God chose what is low and despised** in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

II. Lose Your Life and Find it!

Phil 2.9 **Therefore** God has **highly exalted** him and **bestowed** on him **the name that is above every name**, 10 so that **at the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father.**

We always win by voluntary rejection of power/privilege and humble self-giving. When we go after the things that the world values, we lose our souls.

Our STORY - California trials - the letter of invitation!

III. Living as CoCrucified & CoResurrected

Gal 2.20 I have been **crucified with** Christ. It is **no longer I who live**, but **Christ who lives in me**. And **the life I now live** in the flesh I live by faith in *[by the faithfulness of]* the Son of God, who **loved me** and **gave himself for me**.

Matt 16.24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself and take up his cross and follow me**. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but **whoever loses his life for my sake** will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? ...

When we lay it down, He raises us up. Does it sound like LOVE?

2 Cor 3.18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another**. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Rom 5.5 ... **God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us**.

Can I lose my life and find it?

**Can I be transformed by the RENEWING of my MIND?
Beholding the glory of the Lord in the face of Jesus Christ..**

YOU ARE LOVE'S IMAGE AND LIKENESS IN CREATION!