

THE SUBMISSIVE MIND THIS CHAPTER FOCUSES ON PEOPLE AND THE KEY VERSE IS VERSE 3 DO NOTHING FROM SELFISH OR EMPTY CONCEIT BUT WITH HUMILITY OF MIND REGARD ONE ANOTHER AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELF

IN CHAPTER ONE PAUL PUTS CHRIST FIRST IN CHAPTER TWO HE PUTS OTHERS SECOND WHICH MEANS HE PUTS HIMSELF LAST

THE REASON PEOPLE AGGRAVATE US SO MUCH IS USUALLY BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE OUR OWN WAY IF WE GO THROUGH LIFE PUTTING OURSELVES FIRST AND OTHERS GO THROUGH LIFE PUTTING THEMSELVES FIRST THAN AT MANY POINTS THERE WILL BE BATTLES

SUBMISSION IS NOT WEAKNESS IT IS POWER UNDER CONTROL THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE IS A SELFLESS LIFE A LIFE OF JOY NOT FOCUSED ON BEING SERVED BUT ON SERVING NOT FOCUSED ON GETTING BUT ON GIVING

PAUL HAD NOT ONLY TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES HE HAD TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE HE HAD TO DEAL WITH FALSE TEACHERS IN CHAPTER 3:1-3 AND DISAGREEING MEMBERS IN CHAPTER 4:1-3 THOSE WHO PROMOTE DIVISION RATHER THAN UNITY

SPIRITUAL UNITY IS A WORK OF GOD IN THE HEART IT IS NOT BROUGHT ON BY OUTWARD PRESSURE LIKE ENFORCING UNIFORMITY IT IS PEACE ON THE INSIDE THAT RESULTS IN PATIENCE ON THE OUTSIDE

V1-4 PAUL'S PLEA 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 THIS IS THE FRUIT OF BEING IN CHRIST

V2 WHAT PAUL IS SAYING IS MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE BY BEING OF THE SAME MIND SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER MAINTAINING THE SAME LOVE THE LOVE YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN CHRIST UNITED IN SPIRIT INTENT ON ONE PURPOSE

YOUR DISAGREEMENTS REVEAL THAT THERE IS A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM IN YOUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND IT IS SEEN IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER IT IS NOT GOING TO BE SOLVED BY RULES OR THREATS IT IS GOING TO BE SOLVED WHEN YOUR HEART IS RIGHT WITH CHRIST THE CAUSE OF SELFISHNESS IS PRIDE

V3 DO NOTHING FROM SELFISHNESS BUT WITH HUMILITY OF MIND REGARD ONE ANOTHER AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELF V4 NOT LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTEREST ONLY BUT ALSO FOR THE INTEREST OF OTHERS

V5 THE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST THE ATTITUDE OF A SERVANT USING HIS POWER TO SERVE RATHER THAN BE SERVED ARE YOU USING YOUR GIFTS TO BE SERVED BY OTHERS ARE TO SERVE OTHERS IS IT I WILL OR THY WILL

V6 JESUS WAS THE OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF THE INWARD NATURE OF GOD THAT'S WHAT FORM MEANS JESUS BEING GOD IN THE FLESH HUMBLED HIMSELF THAT'S WHAT LOVE DOES GOD IS LOVE

V7 JESUS EMPTIED HIMSELF OF THE INDEPENDENT USE OF HIS ATTRIBUTES AS GOD HE WENT FROM MASTER TO SERVANT

V8 JESUS SACRIFICED HIS LIFE FOR OUR SIN HE DIED IN OUR PLACE WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS LOVE PAYS THE PRICE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE IN TERMS OF SUFFERING FOR CHRIST AND HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE IN TERMS OF SACRIFICE IS IT COSTING YOU ANYTHING TO BE HIS DISCIPLE

V9-11 SACRIFICIAL SERVICE IS WHAT LOVE DOES AND THAT IS WHAT GLORIFIES GOD FOR THIS REASON ALSO NOT ONLY HIS WORK FOR OUR SALVATION WHICH WAS HIS LOVE FOR US AND HIS LOVE FOR HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN BUT FOR THIS REASONS ALSO JESUS IS GIVEN THE NAME LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER

JESUS BEING OUR LORD BRINGS GLORY TO GOD IS JESUS YOUR LORD TODAY DOES YOUR LIFE BRING GLORY TO GOD