

Attitude (Less of Me, More of You)

Scripture: Philippians 2:5

VERSE

Don't be selfish
Don't try to impress others
Be humble thinking of others
as better than yourselves.
Don't look only to your own interests,
but take an interest in others too;
and like Jesus Christ,
put on this same attitude.

CHORUS

Jesus Christ —
less of me and more of you.

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

— Philippians 2:5 (KJV)

LITTLE LESSON FOR LITTLE HEARTS

The word "attitude" means the way we think — and the Bible tells us whose thinking to copy: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). What was His mind like? Though He was God, He "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant... he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:7–8). Notice that humility is not thinking badly of yourself, as though you were worthless — God made you and loves you. It is thinking of others, the way Jesus did: "in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves" (Philippians 2:3). That looks like letting a friend go first, listening instead of showing off, helping when nobody is watching. And if you try it and find it hard, here is the good news: you cannot squeeze this attitude out of yourself — Jesus gives it, for "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). So we sing the chorus as a prayer, echoing John the Baptist: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). Less of me, Lord — and more of You.