Philippians 2 • The Submissive Mind

1. (v.1-2) Biblical unity cannot be achieved by simply **agreeing** to the same doctrines or statement of faith; it requires their **application** in the pursuit of personal **relationships** within the church from the heart, mind, and soul.
2. (v.3-11) The submissive mind of God’s servant is **visibly** evident in their elevation of others’ **interests** over their own. They are not working for their own **self-interest** but according to God’s **glory** bestowed when and where He sees fit.
3. (v.12-18) The submissive mind puts **God’s Word** into practice to such a degree that it becomes visibly evident in their **service**, **testimony**, and personal **attitude**.
4. (v.19-24) The same standard for the **flock** is the same standard for the **shepherds** of the **flock**.
5. (v.25-30) The example of Epaphroditus:
   1. He was a **balanced** Christian. (v.25)
   2. He was a **burdened** Christian. (v.26-27)
   3. He was a **blessed** Christian. (v.28-30)
   4. The **world’s** definition of “submissive” is generally negative and denotes someone incapable of functioning on their own; the **biblical** definition of “submissive” is someone visibly engaging in the work of Christ both to the **saved** and the **unsaved** without regard for self.