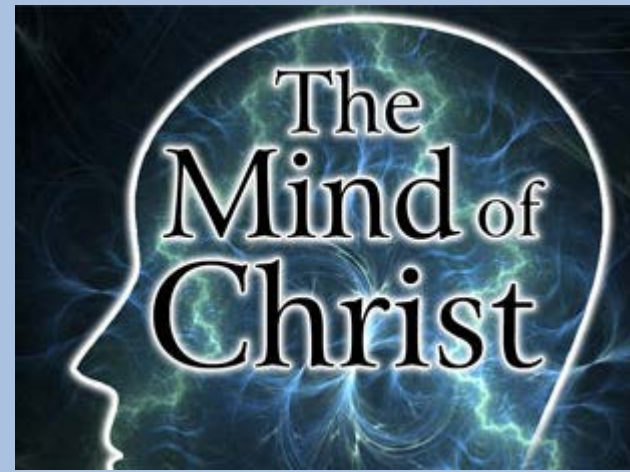


Dying with Empty Pockets

Philippians 2:5-8



Read Philippians 2:5-8



- ...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus
- Who...did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage
- ...he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant...being found in appearance as a man,
- he humbled himself.... obedient... to death on a cross

Philippians 2:5-8



We are to have the same attitude, same mindset as Jesus.

What was that attitude:

- 1. Jesus existed in the form of God**
- 2. Jesus Emptied & humbled Himself**
- 3. Jesus died to save humanity**

I call this, “Dying with Empty Pockets”.

Jesus Emptied himself

we Empty Our pockets and Ourselves

See 1 Timothy 6:7

Don't React Like the World Does



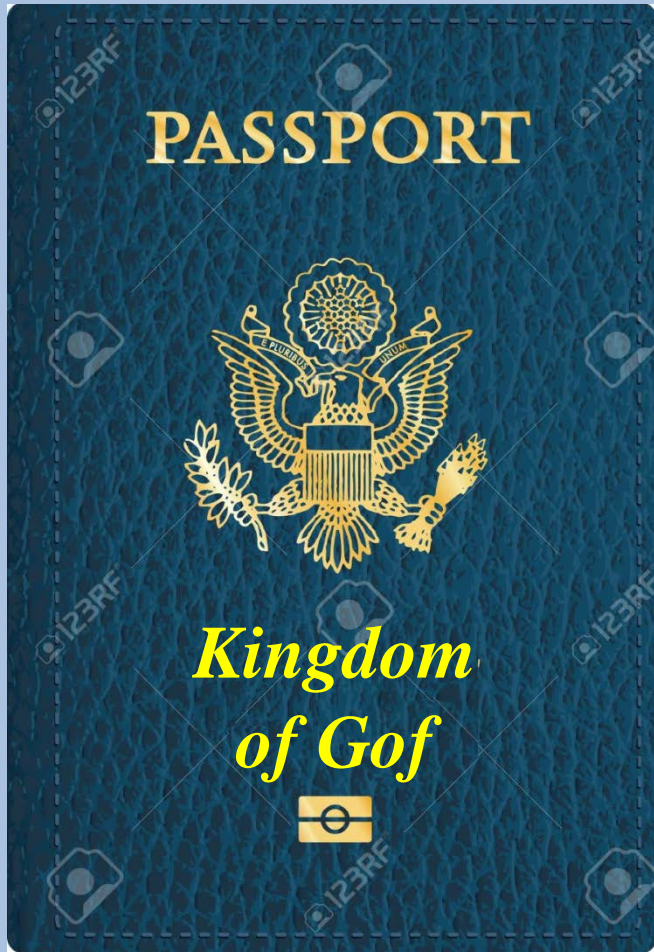
Romans 8:18-25

The World is Fallen

1 Peter 4:12

**Violence & Suffering Should
Not Surprise Us**

Mere Human vs Children of God



1 Corinthians 3:3

Stop Acting like *mere* humans

Must not Keep / Agree with the things of this world, *instead...*

Colossians 3:11 ... no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all!!

What's In Our *Pockets*

- Money for selfish Reasons
- Worshiping
Sex & Pleasure
- Power for
Powers sake
- Worshiping Family
- Reputation and Ego
- Rank and Position on Earth
- Political Solutions for Spiritual Problems

Do Not Value the worlds things!



1 John 2:15_a

What is the Right Attitude/Mindset?

1. Love and accept everyone, with...

- a. Integrity
- b. Wisdom
- c. TRUTH

See Romans 12:9-21, a change of our character



2. Seek and save those that are lost
(Luke 19:10)

Falling In Love with Jesus

The Empty Pocket Mindset

- Do not pay back wrong for wrong,... (1 Thes 5:15_a)
- live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:17-18)
- “Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?” (1 Cor 6:7_b)
- I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live. (Galatians 2: 20)
- Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Rom 12:2)



The Empty Pocket Mindset... *continued*

- Do not love the world or anything in the world (1 John 2:15_a)
- Don't be friends with the world (James 4:4)
- Don't leave the people or work of God like Demas did (2 Tim 4:10)
- Live as if you are from above (John 8:23-24)
- Set your minds and Hearts on things above, not on earthly things (Colossians 3:1-3)



How to Get This Way

- The Basics – Pray, Fast, Read the Bible
- Control the Input - reading, music, friends, time.
- Serve – Get involved (Small Groups, Ministry)
- Formal Training - Bible College, Seminary, Training for missions or church planting

