



## Being like Christ

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

*5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:1-5)*

God does not call us to be 'self-centred' or 'driven to serve' others only. He delights in who we are, and desires, even expects us to tend to our own well being, both spiritually through prayer and reading of the word, and physically, by eating well and exercising.

He desires us not to be consumed with our selves or so over-worked that we are too tired to listen to His words for our life and act on them. God also wants us to be fruitful in that we can have the capacity and time to look out for others.

When we serve God by serving others, it should be with an attitude as if we were working with God, as His co-workers.

If we are serving to only please our own ambitions and desires, is that not what the world does? Is it not therefore worldliness trying to appear as Godliness?

So in serving your Father who is in heaven, let no pride get in the way, but humble yourselves before God that you may have the same attitude as that of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.