

The Anatomy of a Church (50)

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[Acts 20:28](#)

(Continuation from 02/22/15)

The Internal Systems-2

HUMILITY

The second attitude a Christian should have is humility.

In [Philippians 2:3-4](#) we read,

[Philippians 2:1-5 \(NASB\)](#)

¹ Therefore 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,

² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Seek to honor others and meet their needs.

If the people of a church are fighting for positions of authority, they are going to experience the same chaos as when all the disciples were seeking to be the greatest ([Matthew 20:20-21](#); [Mark 9:33-35](#); [Luke 22:24](#)).

[Matthew 20:20-23 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him.

²¹ And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She *said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left."

²² But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They *said to Him, "We are able."

²³ He said to them, "My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father."

Mark 9:33-35 (NASB)

³³ They came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He *began* to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which *of them was* the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

Luke 22:24-27 (NASB)

²⁴ And there arose also a dispute among them *as to* which one of them was regarded to be greatest.

²⁵ And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.'

²⁶ "But *it is not* this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.

²⁷ "For who is greater, the one who reclines *at the table* or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at the table*? But I am among you as the one who serves.

We should earnestly desire to be humble. That doesn't mean we are to undervalue ourselves, because in Christ we are eternally priceless. We aren't to walk around saying, "I'm a worm; I'm a rat; I'm a bum; I'm nothing." (However, remember that Christ is the One who made us priceless—we didn't do that ourselves.) We're of value to God because we're redeemed and sanctified. That enables us to serve Him.