

Advent 2014  
Treasuring the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, Part 2  
Philippians 2:5-11

- I. Imitate or Incarnate? (5)
  
- II. Hey, you look and act like Jesus! (6-8)
  - A. Open-Handed (6)
  
  - B. Emptied (7a)
  
  - C. Low (7b-8a)
  
  - D. Obedient (8b)
  
- III. Jesus Exalted (9-11)
  - A. Highest Name (9)
  
  - B. Lord of All (10-11a)
  
  - C. God the Father Glorified (11b)

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Go Forward

*Know:* In order to imitate someone, we need to get to know Him. Do you know Jesus? Get to know Him. Some good places to start are: John 1:1-18; 3:9-21; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 1:13-29; the book of Hebrews; Revelation 1:13-18; 5:5-14; 19:11-16; 22:10-21.

*Grow:* A key aspect of spiritual growth starts with identifying areas where growth is needed. Think about the four areas we looked at above: open-handed, emptied, low, obedient. Is there one area where you're weak? Where growth has been stunted? Pray and ask the Spirit of God to identify these things, and to guide you into a path of new/renewed growth in whatever area He reveals to you.

*Show:* Couple your attention to growth with a focus on exalting Jesus in your life. Consider your speech and actions. Do they promote the name of Jesus, His Lordship, and the glory of God the Father? Give specific care to how you use your words and how you act, processing through this grid. Any adjustments needed? Pray and ask God to work in your heart in that area that your words/actions might better reflect these things.