

# DEVELOPING THE MIND OF CHRIST IN A CELEBRITY CULTURE

Text: Phillipians 2:3-11

## INTRODUCTION:

1. We definitely live in a celebrity culture (magazines, reality shows).
2. Distinguishing between the celebrity culture and the hero culture.
  - (a) Well known for being well known
  - (b) Celebrities are celebrated for what?
3. We must not fall into the mold of the world by becoming “star struck”.
  - (a) Some place a high value on the opinions of celebrities ie, testifying before congress

*How do we develop the mind of Christ in this environment?*

## DISCUSSION:

### **I. FOCUS ON CHRIST.**

A. He emptied Himself, **Phil. 2:7**.

B. He came to serve.

**Matthew 20:28**, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

C. He was never “star struck”.

## II. DON'T THINK OF MEN ABOVE WHAT IS WRITTEN.

- A. Why do celebrities make us doubt scripture regarding truth?

**1 Corinthians 4:6-7**, Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. For who makes you differ *from another*? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it*?

- B. Why do we let celebrities dictate the way we dress instead of the Biblical teaching re: modesty?

**1 Timothy 2:9**, in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

**1 Peter 3:3-4**, Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel— rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

- C. What gives them authority in the first place?

## III. ADOPT THE VALUES OF CHRIST, **Phil. 2:5**.

- A. People are important and partiality is sinful.

- i. Jesus left heaven and died because people are important, Phil. 2:6-8, John 3:16.
  - ii. Partiality is sinful, James 2:1-9.
- B. Jesus is to be our “celebrity”, Phil. 2:9-11.
- C. We need to be more discerning in the value we place on popular entertainment, Phil. 4:8.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. It's very easy to become “star struck”.
2. Spend more time focusing on Christ and learn to be happy to be “out of touch” with what is current on TV and Hollywood.
3. How many know all the current celebrities but cannot tell you the books of the Bible and apostles and prophets.