

# Reflections

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## ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Bible Study  
9:45 AM

Sunday Worship  
10:45 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study  
7:30 PM

## RADIO PROGRAM

"For The Glory Of God"  
8:45-9:00 AM  
MAGIC 99.5 FM  
Cable Channel 15

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## Do You Need An Attitude Check?

By Jeremy D. Joy

**A**s I was standing outside my classroom in between classes, I saw a student with the words "Attitude Check" on the front of her shirt and the Scripture "Philippians 2:5" on the back. I was surprised to see a student wearing a shirt with a Bible verse and I was even more surprised when I saw another student wearing the *same* shirt

later in the *same* week. I silently recited the verse to myself and throughout the day, I thought how I needed to check my attitude from time to time.

**It starts with  
"the renewing of  
the mind"  
(Romans 12:2)  
because right  
thinking produces  
right actions.**

For those who may not know or cannot remember, the verse reads: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). It introduces one of the most significant statements about the incarnation of Jesus, but it is more than mere theology. It is also a challenge to Christians to have the mind of Christ, which is the mind of humility.

Jesus demonstrated humility in at least three ways: He made Himself of "no reputation" (Philippians 2:7), He came in "the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7), and He became "obedient to the point of



**I will meditate on Your precepts, and  
contemplate Your ways.  
— Psalm 119:18**

death" (Philippians 2:8). It is hard to imagine that the Son of God would willingly forego His position in Heaven choosing to live as a human and suffer a cruel and agonizing death. The only plausible explanation is His humility.

Likewise, we are called upon to have "the mind of Christ" by voluntarily giving up our rights and positions that others may know God. It starts with "the renewing of the mind" (Romans 12:2) because right thinking produces right actions. It is a tall order in a world characterized by "selfish ambition" and "conceit" (Philippians 2:3).

We need an attitude check! How does your attitude compare with His? Is it more like the world or more like His? **Live the**

# Working With A Problem Church

By Jeremy D. Joy

**T**he church at Corinth was a problem church, but Paul was not hesitant to work with them, and he was instrumental in helping them overcome their problems. Church today have problems and the example of Paul teaches us how elders, preachers, and all brethren should address problems.

**Accept them.** The Corinthians are called a “church of God” (1 Corinthians 1:2) although they had individual and congregational problems; churches are not perfect. How should Paul respond to them? Should he cut them off? Should he skirt the issues? No, because he loved them too much! To help a problem church, we must accurately determine the problem and the solution and be patient because no step in the problem-solving process can be skipped. If we shut them out, then we limit our opportunities to teach, but if we skirt

the issues, then we condone sin. We must accept them and start where they are if we want to help them.

**Believe in them.** We cannot accomplish what we doubt can be accomplished. We must believe in the people we work with in a church, especially a problem church. Paul believed in the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 2:4). They had made big strides from paganism and immorality to be even weak Christians and they could continue making big strides. Sometimes we quit too soon on troubled brethren. Would we have believed in the church at Corinth?

Addressing problems can be physically and spiritually exhausting. When we learn to work with a problem church, we will face some stiff challenges, but we will also experience some thrilling victories by the

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# Pine Street News And Notes

“Let brotherly love continue” — Hebrews 13:1

Members of our church family who are sick and in need of our prayers: **Judy Haught** is recovering from surgery.

Others who are sick and in need of our prayers: **Crystal Shockley’s** grandmother is improving, but she is still in the hospital.

The Training Class will be this evening. Please check the schedule posted on the bulletin board.

Preaching reports from **Kent Clark** and **Daniel Ruegg** are posted on the bulletin board.

Check the bulletin board for Gospel Meetings throughout the Ohio Valley.

Thanks to **Greg Yost** will be preaching in his absence.

Is there someone who needs help or encouragement? Look for opportunities to serve one another.

The Scripture reading today is: Psalm 119:57-64.

The sermon today is: “Do You Know The Real Jesus?” (AM).