The Mind Of Christ
Phil. 2:5

Introduction:

A. We sometimes hear, “He (or she) shows the spirit or mind of Christ”.
   1. A great compliment, if one understands the mind of Christ.
   2. A great insult to Christ, if one means a soft, all-embracing mind.
B. One needs to understand and imitate every aspect of the mind (or spirit) of Christ:

Discussion:

I. Jesus Had a Humble Mind.
   A. By voluntary submission to the Father's will. (v. 8; cf. Isa. 53:7,10; Heb. 5:8,9).
      1. Without question or protest. (cf. vv. 2:12-14).
   B. By putting welfare others before himself. (vv. 3-7; cf. 1 Cor. 9:19-23).

II. Jesus Had a Compassionate Mind.
   A. Toward physically needy.
      1. The 4,000 hungry people. (Mt. 15:32).
      2. The leper. (Mk. 1:41).
   B. Toward emotionally needy.
   C. Toward spiritually needy.
      1. The great multitude. (Mk. 6:34).
      2. The great city. (Lk. 19:41; Matt. 23:37).

III. Jesus Had an Indignant Mind.
   A. Toward religious error (Matt. 15:9; Mark 2:23-3:5).
      1. Refused to submit their demands. (cf. Gal. 2:5).
      2. Rebuked them sharply.
      1. Did not Jesus love these people? Of course, he did. (Matt. 23:30-37)
      2. Did not Paul love Peter? (cf. Gal. 2:14ff)
   C. Toward those to defiled His Father's house. (John 2:13-17).
      1. What about moral and ethical defilement today?
      2. What about spiritual defilement today?

Conclusion:

A. The Mind of Christ will show humility.
B. The Mind of Christ will show compassion.
C. The Mind of Christ will sometimes show indignation.