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“Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had.”  
Philippians 2:5

What was the attitude that was in Christ Jesus? “Though He was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights as God. He made Himself nothing; He took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form He obediently humbled Himself even further by dying a criminal’s death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:6-8). Self-emptying and self-sacrifice, obedience to God’s will, and love to men, even unto death of the Cross - this was the character of Christ for which God so highly exalted Him. It is the character of Christ that we are to imitate. He was made in the likeness of men, so we could be conformed into the likeness of God.

Self-effacement and self-sacrifice that God’s will might be done and that man might be saved “this was the attitude of Christ. He lived only to please God and to bless men.

Don’t say that this is an impossibility. What is impossible with men is possible with God. We are called to work out this salvation of a Christlike character with fear and trembling; for “God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases Him” (Philippians 2:13) As we pray, let this be our one aim: to have the attitude that was in Christ Jesus.