

mind of Christ (as in 1 Corinthians 2) may refer to understanding some particular aspect of the Lord's will. But in Philippians it obviously refers to the manner in which He thought...with special emphasis on humility, service, devotion to God...and a thorough lack of self-seeking. The follower is to think as the leader thinks...particularly in the manner of his thinking and the direction in which his mind bends..more so than in the individual opinions.

b. Romans 15:3..."Christ pleased not himself..." The lesson is that the Lord did that which pleased the Father in a special sense and we may in all of our relationships and activities profit from that example. If we follow Him, our aim becomes not one of pleasing ourselves but of pleasing the Lord who has created and blessed us.

c. Hebrews 12:2..."who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..." As followers we will often find the testings of life very difficult for that is the way in which the Lord found them. But the joy that would be His in doing the will of God mastered these things. If we follow Him the attention of our vision is to the glory that is ahead and this enables us to master the problems of the path.

d. 1 Peter 2:21..."because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps..." The steps, in a unique sense, and the means whereby He did no violence to the truth of God going through the revilings and rebuke of sinners and wicked men. He committed his soul to God, so to speak, as to one who judged righteously and the direction of life from that point was not a settling of accounts, but an enduring for the purpose of salvation.

C. Conclusion

The position is that of a follower. The