

Dress yourself with...Humility

"Jump roping capital of the World!" a sign in Bloomer, Wisconsin once read.

"I am king of the World!" shouted the director of the movie *Titanic* after it won several Academy Awards.

"USA! USA! USA!" shouted millions of Americans after our Olympic hockey team beat the Russians in 1980 and then went on to win the gold.

We want to be the best in the world at something and to be able to shout: "We are number one!"

It is not all bad to be proud of our accomplishments. After all, it is God who has blessed us with our talents, and we want to express our appreciation for them.

On the other hand, we need to realize that being first, last, or somewhere in between is not really all that important. What really matters is the attitude of our hearts.

God has something very special to say on this subject. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). As we pursue being the very best, we can be, it must never be at the expense of others. Nor should it be with the attitude that we are more deserving of what we have than others.

The perfect example of humility is Jesus. St. Paul wrote, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8)!

We have all failed to meet that standard of God's expectations perfectly—having an attitude the same as Christ's. Fortunately, Jesus humbled himself to take our place and bring us close to God.

We have plenty more we would love to share with you about how Jesus lived and how we want to live in response to him. Give us a call, or worship with us some Sunday.