



The Bible is generously bursting with all the things the Lord gives to those who are in Christ. Truth is, there are not too many things in our life that God requires us to do on our own, but I was struck this morning with the thought that humility, the state of being humble, is very much one of those that He does not supply but still expects us to be.

It's remarkable that we can always rely on God to provide love as He loves, we can count on patience being available when needed, that joy is given, peace sustains, that goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, kindness, and even self-control are all things He blesses us with through the presence of His Spirit within every believer. Even wisdom does not hide but is generously given to those who ask. He even makes wise the simple. We know He freely supplies His righteousness where we have none to even offer. Our very salvation comes by His hand, for surely we could not save ourselves.

The list of what we have obtained in Christ is long and rich. But humility, that's one that is not found in the grand list of grace given gifts. Rather, He gave us nothing in that regard, nothing that is except the perfect example of humility in the person of Jesus, saying, look at Him and walk as He walked.

I find that humility is one of those things that our human nature instinctively recoils from, after all, it requires submission (yet, another word that causes our earthly hackles to rise). I'm not just speaking in terms of self-pride or ego here, but instead, living a life with the *heart of one that bows before God in a minute to minute dance that allows His sway in our life*. Humility gives our self to Him, for it is in bowing to His authority that we become fully devoted and consumed by His Spirit's leading. Humbling our self allows us to, somehow, stay out of His way and let Him accomplish His will in our life.

Humility, a word so strong that it results in God saying yes to the blessings in our life. (That's one to think on for a while.) It's a word we are instructed to commit to. A word by which we may receive a greater grace. A word that knocks us to our knees once we have stopped long enough to actually look at God for Who He really and truly is. Seriously, my heart longs to be humble, and though I am the one that controls that virtue, I am woefully ill-equipped, for I want what I want, and dying to self is so hard (can I get an amen?).

A lack of humility shows itself when we think we know better than God. Oh, we'd never be so bold as to approach life with that attitude consciously (or maybe we would!), but have you ever found yourself praying and telling God just how you think things ought to be taken care of? Ever find yourself walking your own direction, knowing that God had a different path for you to take, but marching on to your own drum? Ever find yourself fighting for your own right to be right, perhaps even thinking Him unfaithful? We all have at one point or another. True humility submits the heart, bows the will, and acknowledges that He knows what is best for us, even when we don't know how He will accomplish it.

He does not supply humility to us. He does not force the act of humility upon us. He will not magically cause us to humble ourselves, He will only bring us to a point of decision. Praise Him that He never tires of continuously bringing us to a point of decision. That is His marvelous grace to us. But a heart that

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recognizes God is God, sovereign, almighty, all knowing, and all seeing, that is a heart He desires. A heart that sees and knows Him as He is should result in a heart swaying to His rhythm, for it puts things into a right perspective. He is God.

Perhaps our lack of humility is a case of not knowing Him as we should, so our faith is shaky. **"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"** according to **Romans 10:17**(nasb). John tells us that God discloses Himself to those who love Him, He does not hide from us. His word tells of Him in every aspect. He is Creator, Father, Judge, Grace giver, Provider, Shelter, Refuge, Helper, Mercy giver, and on the list goes, so it is vital to be in His word for it is the best way that He discloses Himself to us. The more we know of Him, the easier it should be to humble ourselves before Him, and that is where the richness of a relationship with God lies. A life in which we bow and He leads. The invitation is to join Him in the dance.

Father, the fact that You allow us the choice to humble ourselves is what makes this all a heart issue. It strikes at our very relationship with You, a Holy and Mighty God. You are intimately acquainted with all our ways and know what is holding us back from humbling ourselves before You. Help us to recognize what that is also, so that we can bow to You, humbling ourselves as Christ did, dying to self and living for You. Search our hearts Oh God, and give us the determination that it might take to humble our self before you daily. Knowing that it is only then that we can walk in the fullness of Your joy. Personally, I commit to humbly walk before You, submitting to the leading of Your Spirit in my actions, in my thoughts, and in my words today. To You be the glory. Praise You for Your grace that allows us to recommit to that daily, minute by minute if need be. Lead on in the dance, as we humbly bow.

Ladies, If you have time, look at the following verses, which were the basis of what was written above, and let God's word speak directly.

Galatians 5:22-23

Psalm 8:1-11

James 1:5

Psalm 19:7

Matthew 5:6

Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 2:8-9

Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:5-8; 3:21

Galatians 2:20

James 1:21; 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6

James 4:6

Romans 10:17

John 14:21