

“HUMILITY”

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Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Php 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

Php 2:11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2Ch 7:13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, **shall humble themselves, and pray**, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2Ch 7:15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

"The first test of a truly great man is his humility" [John Ruskin *Modern Painters*]

1. To be humble is one of the most essential graces to possess if we are to have the favor and the approval of God upon our lives.
2. Most of us, while having nothing in our lives to be proud of before we came to God. And some of us might have felt we were going along way

when we humbled ourselves and confessed that we were lost, hopeless and without Jesus in our lives.

3. God's requirement for all of us, took place at the feet of Jesus as we acknowledged our defeat and as a helplessness as sinners before his presence, before He could save us.

Job 22:29 When *men* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

4. When we humble ourselves before God, we open the channels of blessing that otherwise are never realized.

Psa 69:32 The humble shall see *this, and* be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

5. Before honour is humility

Pro 18:12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

A SIMPLE LESSON ON HUMILITY

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 18:2, Mat 18:3

Except ye be converted - The word "converted" means changed or turned.

The verb means to change or turn from one habit of life or set of opinions to another, the same word is used in the original. It sometimes refers to that great change called the new birth or regeneration.

And become as little children - Children are, to a great extent, destitute of ambition, pride, and haughtiness They are characteristically humble and teachable. By requiring his disciples to be like them.

Teachable and leadable spirit

Psa 27:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Psa 86:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

It Takes the Teacher (Spirit) and the Preacher to teach you:

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jer 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Act 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Act 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

WE MUST HUMBLE OURSELVES

- 1. Humble ourselves:** One of the most outstanding things you discover in this lesson today on humility, is that we are to humble ourselves.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Luk 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

- 2. The man who waits for God to humble him will surely regret the fact that he did not humble himself.**
 - a. God often used drastic means to humble a person. He knows how to bring down the proudest hearts.

b. King Nebuchadnezzar's humiliation:

Dan 4:30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

Dan 4:31 While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

Dan 4:32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

3. Be Clothed with Humility: God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble (James 4:6)

- a. If you notice in Isaiah 57:15; that God dwells in the high and lofty place, yet with him that has a contrite and humble spirit.

Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

b. God takes note of them that humble themselves:

King Ahab (1 Kings 21): His sins against Naboth; Elijah's Prophecy of judgment (verse 17-24); Although King Ahab was more wicked than all the kings of Israel, yet when he humbled himself, God postponed His judgment.

1Ki 21:23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

1Ki 21:24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

1Ki 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

1Ki 21:27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

1Ki 21:28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

1Ki 21:29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

The Wicked City of Nineveh (Jonah 3): Jonah's prophecy offered no provision for repentance or s of Nineveh humbled the (Verse 4); The inhabits of Nineveh humbled themselves and repented (Verse 5-9). And in spite of the danger of making Jonah appear to be a false prophet, God could not resist their humility (Verse 10).

Jon 3:8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands.

Jon 3:9 Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

Jon 3:10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

4. Humility brings Fruitfulness: Not only does it bring the favor of God, but it brings a special fruitfulness in the lives of those exercised by it.

a. Marks of Humility: A willingness to see others have better than we have in the spiritual and natural. Willingness to be “put down” when others are “lifted up”; Willingness to suffer wrongdoing without retaliation.

b. True humility will make a place for the graces and fruits of the Spirit in our lives.

5. Conclusion: Humility is a safeguard against stumbling or falling in your Christian walk. If we truly are humble, we will feel the burdens and disappointments of others.