

May 2018 Prayer Focus: Humility

Humility is freedom from pride and arrogance; it is humbleness of heart and mind... for Born-again believers, humility is a crucial foundational component of our faith. We are to humble ourselves, we are not to think ourselves more highly than we ought to think. "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned" (Romans 12:3 ESV).

In humility, THERE IS MODESTY IN ESTIMATING OUR WORTH it is consistent with having a contrite spirit. Our reverential fear and respect for God is acknowledgement of our lowliness of mind. When humbled there is a deep sense of unworthiness in the sight of God. However, we are justified by faith and made worthy by Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! We can do all things through Christ Jesus! We humbly submit and acknowledge that we can do nothing without Him!

The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility. We are to humble ourselves, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time, He exalts us. If we do not humble ourselves; be assured, as believers, He will humble us. In our service to the Lord, we commit to serve with all humility. As we humble ourselves before God and remain humbly submitted to His divine will, He exalts us!

PRAYER for HUMILITY:

Lord, you said, "take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light". I pray to pattern myself after your perfect example of humility. Help me to be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. Humility is the fear of you Lord; its wages are riches, honor and life. I do not want to do anything out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility, I want to value others above myself. My desire is to live in harmony with others; not to be proud, but to be willing to associate with people of low position nor to be conceited. May my concern for others be sincere, bearing with them in your loving spirit of humility. When pride comes, help me to resist it and remain humble so that I will not be disgraced; for humility comes before honor and with humility, comes wisdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Colossians 3:12; 2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Peter 3:3-4; Proverbs 29:23; Philippians 2:3; Proverbs 11:2; Ephesians 4:2

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HUMILITY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Proverbs 15:33 NIV

Wisdom's instruction is to fear the LORD, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 22:4 ESV

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

Proverbs 18:12 ESV

Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 3:34 ESV

Toward the scornful he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

Philippians 2:3 ESV

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.