**God’s View of Humility (Wed 5-15-2024)**

**Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore imitators of Christ (the word) *Sets the standard (character and power)***

**Humble=** *Webster:* Having or expressing a sense of selflessness; modesty; meekness, unpretentiousness:

 Lowly in condition or rank; *(talking about the world, not the Kingdom of God)*

 **(Opposite of Arrogance** - Exaggerating one’s own worth or importance in an overbearing manner

* We are: Spirit-Soul-Body *(we determine what percentages dominate us)*
* KKullman (more of you & less of me)
* Dress styles, hair, ornaments (some wild) = really trying to bring attention to yourself
* Unpretentiousness like JESUS! Modest; without ostentatious display; plain:
* Yogi Berra “it ain’t braggin if you done it” *[The word of God says it]*
* Christians shouldn’t just be a mirror of society!

**Matt 6: Red Letter Addition: Read 6:1-2,4: 5-6: 16-18 *(righteous acts, prayer, giving & fasting)***

**Matt 18:4** Whosoever therefore shall **humble** himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. *(Child does not have wealth, position, political power, physical strength)*

**Matt 23:11** But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

 **12**And whosoever shall exalt (elevates) himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

**1 Pet 5:5**  Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another & be clothed with **humility** **= for God resisteth the proud & giveth grace to the humble**

**\*James 4:10** **Humble** yourselves in the sight of the Lord, **and he** shall lift you up.

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

**Prov 18:12** *Before* destruction the heart of man is **haughty (prideful**) , and *before* honour is **humil** not [pretentious](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/pretentious);

 **Destruction** – could be situational or discouragement or faint hearted

**Prov 6:16** These six things doth the Lord hate (opposite of Love): yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

 17**A proud look,** a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

 18An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

 19A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

**Prov 8:13** The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride & arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

 **Froward** – going the opposite direction or disobedient

**Prov 15:33** The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility

**Prov 16:18** Pride goes (appears or comes) before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

**Prov 21:2** Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts *(motives)*

**Prov 22:4** By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life. ***(Matt 6:33)***

**Prov 20:6** Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

**Prov 27:2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.**

**Prov 29:23** A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

 **One measure of spirituality – what do you do each day that has no benefit to you?**

**John Mason**: How much could be accomplished it we do not worry about who gets the credit!

* It is always true that more is accomplished when it doesn’t matter who gets the credit
* When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a small package
* Wonder how much discussion there would be this Thanksgiving or how much would get posted on the Internet if it had nothing to do with you or your family?

**Jesus’s Example:**

**Phil 2:8** And being found in the fashion of man, he **humbled** himself & became obedient unto death

 *(Conformed to a lower form for the good of others - Gave up his will & followed the Father’s will)*

**Matt 11:29** Take my yoke upon you, & learn of me, for I am meek (humble) & lowly of heart & ye shall find rest unto your souls

 **\*John 13:4-15** ***Read***Jesus washing feet

**Mark 10:45** For the son of man came not be ministered unto, but to minister...

**Paul’s Example Phil 4:11-12**: Paul’s example in living satisfied in the conditions he is in.

**John’s Example:** **John 3:30** He must increase, but I must decrease

**General Scriptures**:

**Phil 2:3** Let each esteem others better than ourselves (key to true Christianity)

**NIV** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

**Duet 8:2** And thou shall remember all the way which the Lord thy God lead thee these 40 years in the wilderness, to **humble** thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thy heart whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no

  **3** And he **humbled** thee & suffered thee to hunger & fed thee with manna . That he might make thee know that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Israel resisted relying on God) HAD TROUBLE HUMBLING THEM SELVES TO GOD

**2 Chron 7:14** If my people which are called by name shall **humble** thyself and pray, and seek my face & turn from there wicked ways then will I hear from heaven & will forgive their sin and will heal their land: (It is not by our might)

**Prov 29:23** NIV Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor.

**\*Luke 18:9-14 Read End (wait to be bidden to move up)**

**Nelson = Humility \***  “A freedom from arrogance, that grows out of the recognition that all we have and are, comes from God.” The Greek philosophers despised humility because it implied inadequacy, lack of dignity, and worthlessness to them. **Is 55:8**  My ways are not your ways or my thoughts your thoughts.