

ULaity Missionary Baptist Church Bible Study

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Subject: Christian Humility

Humility – a modest or low view of one's own importance.

Christian Humility – a view of one's own importance as it relates to the Word of God. Having a humble attitude toward life that is pleasing to God.

I. Why is Humility Necessary for a Christian.

A. Humility is a necessary part of Christian living.

Romans 12:3.

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith

Luke 18:10 – 14.

10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’

13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

1 Peter 3:3 – 4.

3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—

4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

B. Humility is necessary for Spiritual growth.

James 4:10.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

II. What are Some Situations in the Bible That Deal With Christian Humility.

A. Trials, tribulations and afflictions cause Christian humility.

Job 1:20 – 21.

20 Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
And naked shall I return there.

The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Deuteronomy 8:2 – 3.

2 And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

B. Humility can turn away the wrath of God.

2 Chronicles 12:5 – 7.

5 Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, “Thus says the Lord: ‘You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.’”

6 So the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, “The Lord is righteous.”

7 Now when the Lord saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying, “They have humbled themselves; therefore, I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

III. God’s Word Commands Us to Show Humility in Our Christian Lives.

A. Humility in the life of the people of God.

Colossians 3:12.

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.

Ephesians 4:1 – 2.

1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

1 Peter 5:5 – 6.

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

IV. Greatness, Blessings and Grace Comes Through Christian Humility.

A. Jesus Identifies Greatness through Humility.

Matthew 18:1 – 4

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,

3 and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 23:11 – 12.

11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

B. Humility brings blessings.

2 Chronicles 7:14.

14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

C. Humility leads to More Grace.

James 4:6.

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore, He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

V. Jesus Christ is Our Example of Christian Humility.

A. Jesus Christ's Humility in His physical existence as a man.

Philippians 2:5 – 8.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,
6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

B. Jesus Christ demonstrates humility in His service to others.

2 Corinthians 8:9.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Mark 10:42-45.

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.
43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.
44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.
45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."