

HUMILITY

We are presently in our 2nd week looking at what it means to be consecrated to the Lord... **setting ourselves apart** from the world embracing the principles of the Word of God... and moving forward in the things of God.

Today I want to discuss the importance of Humility...

Philippians 2:3-8 – Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. **Rather, in humility** value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.⁵ In your relationships with one another, **have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:** ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; ⁷ rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature **of a servant**, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient** to death— even death on a cross! (NIV)

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Embrace Humility

2 Chronicles 7:14 – If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray... (NIV)

1 Peter 5:5 – **Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility** toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but God gives grace to the humble.”

When we humble ourselves before God we trust Him to do what our pride cannot do.

1 Peter 5:5-7 – ... All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows **favor to the humble.**” ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may **lift you up** in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because **He cares for you.** (NIV)

Jesus embraced humility

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Develop Humility

Hebrews 5:8-9 says: -"Although He was a Son, **[Jesus] learned obedience** through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him... (NIV)

Jesus learned obedience!

Phillipians 2:7 ... by taking the very nature of a servant...

Luke 2:51-52 – Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (NKJV)

TCC Humility is developed when we serve others

-- **Jesus took on the form of a servant...**

Lit - Servant- literally a bond slave

- ... *doúlos* - without *any ownership rights of their own*. One who does not own His own life... but voluntarily spends it in service to others

Romans 1:1 – I am Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ. He called me to be an apostle and to tell God's good news. (WEB)

Matthew 20:26 – “Whoever wishes to become great...must first be your servant ...

Galatians 5:13 – You, my brothers and sisters, we called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love**. (NIV)

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Experience Death to Self

Philippians 2:8 – He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! (NIV)

The death to self that Scripture demands is achieved by **surrendering our ego** to God.

- **Matthew 10:39** – whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.
- **Luke 9:23** – “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

TCC- Our ego must be put to death... our flesh must be put to death... our rights must be put to death... our ambition must be put to death... then and only then Can we let Christ truly live through us...

Galatians 5:24 – Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (NIV)

Galatians 2:20 – I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (NIV)

Mark 15:29 – Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying... ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself...

Matthew 26:53 – Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?

James 4:4 ...But He **gives more grace**. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (NKJV)

Colossians 3:12-13 – Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.