

HUMILITY

Humility is a place; a place in relationship to God; a place where God and His purposes are the focus and not us. When He is Lord and God, and we really recognize it, not just with our minds and words, but with our every actions, we walk in submission to Him; we walk in humility. When we take the position of bowing the knee (Philippians 2:9-11) and giving way to what He wants (Isaiah 55:8-9), we truly acknowledge His ways and thoughts are above ours. Jesus Himself said He only did what the Father was doing and said only what the Father was saying.

John 5:19

“Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless {it is} something He sees the Father doing; for whatever {the Father} does, these things the Son also does in like manner.”

John 12:49

“For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.”

In essence, humility is one not thinking more highly of himself than he ought to think. This being the case, we would honor and prefer God and others (Philippians 2:3-4), while not degrading ourselves or lessening our own worth. It is to be in a position free from vanity so we can be obedient to the Lord and not compare ourselves with others.

2 Corinthians 10:12-13

“For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.

But we will not boast beyond {our} measure, but within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you.”

Humility, realizing His total Lordship, puts us in a position that allows us to be used by God in whatever He wants – a place of real relationship and trust, that brings the grace of God to grow and increase in Him.

James 4:10

“Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.”

It also permits a higher level of communication with a confidence that He hears and responds to our pleas.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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