

Humble - Humbleness

Meaning: Courteous, gentle, modest, polite, quiet, soft spoken, unpretentious.

The first step in the Christian Faith is a Humble submission to Jesus Christ.

Lord I cannot do it but you can. You can't save yourself.

Everyone you know in the Christian Faith has to come to Jesus the same way: Humbly. Many if not all the men here have done that.

Opposite of Humble: bold, proud, complicated, complex, impolite, loud, rude, unmannerly, assertive. We know people like this don't we. I was one of them.

Confident: We can have a confidence in ourselves, in relationships, in our Faith in Jesus, in the things we have done or accomplished in this life and still be Humble.

Humbleness: Why are we teaching this? What does it matter? Who Cares?

1. It's what God desires of us, Humbleness
2. You will be more of a help to God, to the Church, to your family, to people in general if you are Humble!
3. Your own life will be more successful, more pleasant, when you are Humble. You will reap the fruit of your Humbleness.

Why do we want to be Humble – Blessings!

Psalm 10:17 O LORD, Thou **hast heard** the desire of the humble; Thou wilt strengthen their heart, Thou wilt incline Thine ear.

Psalm 25:9 He leads the humble in justice, And He teaches the humble **His way**.

Difference between His way and His Works. Anyone can read about his works. But to be taught his way is special, wonderful.

Psalm 37:11 But the humble will inherit the land, And will delight themselves in **abundant prosperity**.

You have to be Humble to give don't you!

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will **obtain honor**.

Isaiah 58:5 "Is it a fast like this which I choose, a day for a man to humble himself?"

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek the LORD, All you humble of the earth Who have carried out His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility....(Humbleness)

James 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT **GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE**." (Grace=getting what you don't deserve.)

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will **exalt** you.

Humble Blessings: God's teaches us his way, He hears us, prosperity, honor, Grace.

We are encouraged to be Humble:

1st Peter 3:8 To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and **humble in spirit**;

Isaiah 66:2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

God is seeking Humble men and women!

How do we achieve humbleness? Humbleness is life style, you have to work at it.

1. Leviticus 19:18 but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD. (Not always possible, but you can try).

If you try to love others, this will help in moving you to Humbleness.

You have to try because there are many persons that are not loveable. Sometimes loving others takes work, you have to force it.

2. **Remove the word "I" from your vocabulary.**

I did this, I went there, I know this. I am right. As you get older, you find that many (almost all) people don't care who you are, or what you did. Me, me, me: life is not about my needs and your needs, our wants and desires.

3. **Learn to be quiet.** Talk less. Spend more time listening. I don't have to jump into every conversation that I hear. I don't always have to give my opinion. I usually don't give my opinion until I am asked.
4. **Mind your own Business.** Stop getting into other people's business. I have my own ideas how the Life Center should be run. But it is not my ministry, it is not my money, unless they ask, mums the word. I am going to support the leadership's operational plan, even if I don't agree.

Examples of Humbleness

If possible, humble yourself on the Sabbath

Exodus 20:8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Jesus

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, **Humble**, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am **gentle and humble** in heart; and YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

Philippians 2:5-8 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death

on a cross. Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

Moses

Numbers 12:3 Now the man Moses **was very humble**, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.

Gideon

Judges 6:15 And he said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."

King Saul

1st Samuel 9:21 And Saul answered and said, "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me in this way?"

King David

1st Samuel 18:18 But David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be the king's son-in-law?"

King Solomon

1st Kings 3:7 "And now, O LORD my God, Thou hast made Thy servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

Isaiah

Isaiah 6:5 Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:6 Then I said, "Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth."

John the Baptist

Matthew 3:14 But John tried to prevent Him (Jesus), saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

When we say, Lord I can't do it, that allows God to step in and help.

Mary Jesus's mother

Luke 1:48 "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

Looking at just some of the great examples of men and women in the Bible, Humbleness is important to greatness. That's true in all of our lives, no exceptions.

Pursue Humbleness – and God will hear you, he will bless you.

2nd 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.

1st Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He **may exalt you** at the proper time

Luke 1:52 "He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has **exalted those who were humble.**

Choose to be Humble, God can Humble you if you won't do it.

(Humble Pie - apologize and/or face humiliation)

Daniel 4:37 "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.

You had to be Humble to come into this program, you had to be humble to accept Christ into your life, and you have to be humble to stay here. And this is a great start on your road to success in your Christian Life.

Closing comments

I am so thankful that Jesus came and humbled himself for our Salvation. Let me encourage you to Pursue Humbleness and as you succeed, you will find it is a satisfying life and with God's abundant blessings.

Handwritten notes:
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