



Topic: True Humility

Introduction

Tonight I want to talk to you about Humility! Sadly most of us have no idea what true humility is.

If we look at the dictionary, Humility is defined as “the quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance.”

And sadly this is what everyone thinks what humility is. So tonight I want to take you to a few scriptures and show you what God’s definition of true humility really is. Are you ready?

Moses

Does anyone here know who wrote the book of Numbers? The author is Moses. So I want you to keep this in mind and turn in your Bible to **Numbers 12:3**, *“³ (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)”*

Who wrote the book of Numbers? Do you think that Moses is being humble when he wrote this according to the world’s standards?

Absolutely not, the world says humility is to be humble, modest or low view of one’s importance”. So according to the world standard’s Moses was not being anywhere near in humiliation when he wrote this. Would you agree?

So clearly what Moses said in Numbers and what God idea of humility is, is clearly against popular opinion? Would you agree?

Paul also says to Timothy in **2 Timothy 3:16-17** that *“¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*



So if all scripture is God-breathed and God is not a man that He should lie (**Numbers 23:19**), then clearly what Moses said is the truth and we need to look deeper at what God's Word says about humility.

Moses was the most humble man that ever lived on this earth, except Jesus Christ, yet both Moses and Jesus were not humble like the world standards.

Jesus whipped the money changes in the Temple, Moses broke the tablets of the 10 commandments to name a few things. Yet in both their lives was a quality of humility that God wants us to live by.

The Answer

Are you humble? Are you humble according to God's Word?

Not sure, let's turn in our Bible to **1 Peter 5:5-10**, *"⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favour 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. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."*

So, Godly humility is to humble yourselves under the hand of God! We all compartmentalise our lives, this time is spent with the family, this time is spend working, this time is spent eating, this time is spent at church, this time is spent having fun, etcetera.

The truth is that God want us to bring it ALL under His control but submitting it to Him and leaving it with Him and under His care and control.



Jesus invites us to come to Him, in **Matthew 11:28-29**, *"²⁸ Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

This is a Divine exchange, you get all of God for your messed up lives. You give Him your messed up life and God will exchange it for His Glorious plan for you.

Just think of it, the month is much longer than you anticipated and you have no money, what can you do to get money?

Well you can borrow money from someone, you could go to the bank and lend it or put it on the credit card or some other plan.

How about you are sick and the doctors say you are not responding to the medicine and so now there is no cure. What do you do?

How about giving it ALL to God. There is not much that you can do about your healing, there is not much you can do about your finances but with God there is always a plan and it has a lot less stress involved.

I am not saying spend all your money recklessly and God will supply, or drink till you collapse and then when you need healing or money give it quickly to God and He will sort it out.

No what I am saying, take your whole life as it is right now, all your sickness, all your problems, everything and give it to God. When you do this is acknowledging that only God has the answers to your problems.

So you come to God and humble yourself under His mighty hand by giving Him everything. And then you cast all your cares, your issues, your problems, your anxieties upon God. In other words you give it all to Him.



Not just a footnote, you do not give it to God and do nothing! i.e. you stop working because now God is going to supply all your needs.

No you give it to God and do what His Word says or what He tell you through His Word to do.

So **1 Peter 5:6-7** says, *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.*

Why do you think God wants us to humble ourselves under Him might hand? Why do you think God wants you to cast all your cares / anxieties on Him?

The reason for this is so that we are able to fight and defeat Satan. Look at what verse 8-10 says, *⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

Now the last scripture, **James 4:6-10** *⁶ But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble."^[c] ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*

Both these passages have a few things in common:

1. God opposes the proud
2. God shows favour to the humble
3. Resist the devil and he will flee
4. Humble yourself and God will lift you up.



The question still is why does God want us to be humble but giving it all to Him, acknowledging that it all belongs to Him and that He can do a much better job and that we do not have to stress.

Why, because we are fighting a war against the principalities and forces of darkness. The agents of satan and his team. We are powerless to defeat him unless we come in the Name of Jesus Christ and are humble. Not it says submit yourself (humble yourself – give it all over to God) and the resist the devil and he WILL flee.

God is concerned about us and our issues in life.

God made a plan for us to be His children by sending Jesus Christ

No all we need to do is humble ourselves under His mighty hand so that at the right time HE can raise us up.

God has always planned for us to be leaders, rulers of this world and this is the only way we can do it, through God and only God.

Let's pray