


Humility in Missions

Following Jesus Our Humble King



**God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble**

Proverbs 4.34 | 1 Peter 5.5 | James 4.6



“You will not certainly die,
for God knows that when you eat from it
your eyes will be opened,
and you will be like God,
knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3.5



It is totally different
to **pretend** to be God
than to actually **be** God



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4 Markers of Pride

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4. The way I pray





If anyone wants to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realise that one is proud. And a biggish step, too. At least, nothing whatever can be done before it. **If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed.**

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



Humility
=
Freedom



Jesus, our Humble King (1)

[Mary] wrapped [Jesus] in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was **no guest room available for them.**

Luke 2.7



Jesus, our Humble King (2)

Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, **withdrew again** to a mountain by himself.

John 6.15

Jesus, our Humble King (3)

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me;
yet not my will, but yours be done."

Luke 22.43



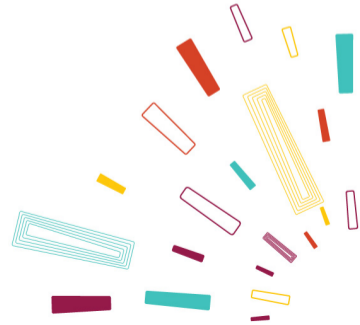
Discussion 1

What have we learned so far?



What humility is not (1)

Being a doormat
Having a weak identity



What humility is not (2)

Saying *"I don't have any gift"*



Humility comes before honor


Proverbs 8.12 | Proverbs 15.33



Humility: a definition (at last!)

Humility is an attitude that acknowledges my dependance on God; as a result, I am set free to serve others.






Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2.1-2





Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
not looking to your own interests but each of you
to the interests of the others.


Philippians 2.3-4



In your relationships with one another, have the
same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2.5



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Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;


Philippians 2.6

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rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2.7






And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death
– even death on a cross!

Philippians 2.8



Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,


Philippians 2.9-10



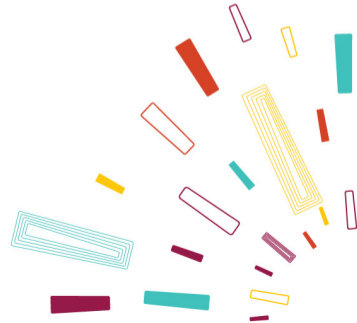
and every tongue acknowledge
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.


Philippians 2.11





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Everyone How does humility renew your service to others?



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Thank you

See me if you want to discuss further

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