

Humility

Definition: Humility Means Fearing God

“Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life.”

Proverbs 22:4

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“Pride, in its simplest form, boils down to a lack of the fear of God.”

John Paul Jackson, Foreward of The Power of Humility by R. T. Kendall

“Humility is simply seeing how truly God is all, and that we make way for God to be all.”

Andrew Murray, “The Spirit of Christ”

Definition: Humility Means Sober Self-Judgment

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”

Romans 12:3

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“If we can avoid taking ourselves too seriously while maintaining a sense of self-worth at the same time, we should be very thankful.”

R. T. Kendall, “The Power of Humility”

“We don’t often associate the word humility with strength, grace, stability, confidence, and inner security. Yet all these are what we see in Jesus as He kneels in John 13 to wash the feet of the disciples.”

The Village Church, New Zealand

Importance: God Draws Near to the Humble

“For this is what the high and exalted One says - He who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

Isaiah 57:15

Definition: God Draws Near to the Humble

“Humility is the standard of glory in heaven; the lowliest is the nearest to God.”

Andrew Murray, “The Spirit of Christ”

Importance: God Opposes Proud/Exalts Humble

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble...Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”

James 4:6,10

“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 14:11

Importance: God Opposes Proud/Exalts Humble

“Pride must die in you, or nothing of heaven can live in you.”

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Importance: God Responds to the Humble

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

2 Chronicles 7:14

Importance: God Responds to the Humble

“Let humility be as a garment with which you are always covered, and then, whether you are in the church or out, hearing the praises of God or receiving wrongs from men and the world, everything will help your growth in the life of God.”

Andrew Murray, “The Spirit of Christ”

Application: Know Your Identity in Christ

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Colossians 3:12

Application: Know Your Identity in Christ

“If we are indeed to be humble, not only before God but towards men, and if it is to be our joy, we must see that humility is being clothed with the very beauty of heaven, not just the mark of shame because of sin... True humility comes when we see ourselves in the light of God... The soul can say, ‘I have so lost myself in finding You that I no longer compare myself with others.’”

Andrew Murray, “The Spirit of Christ”

Application: Release Your Cares/Worries to God

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (by) Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:5-7

Application: Release Your Cares/Worries to God

“As someone put it regarding the church, ‘If the Holy Spirit were completely taken from the church today, 90 percent of the work of the church would go right on as if nothing happened.’”

R. T. Kendall, “The Power of Humility”

Application: Selfless Mindset that Values Others

“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. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 2:3-5

Application: Selfless Mindset that Values Others

“Just listen to the way in which churches and Christians often speak about each other. How little of the meekness of Jesus is to be heard...people who are counted as saints have proved by their touchiness and impatience, in sharp judgments and unkind words, in self-defense and self-assertion, that they did not reckon each other better than themselves...May God teach us that our thoughts, our words, and our attitudes towards others are the test of our humility towards Him.”

Andrew Murray, “The Spirit of Christ”

Application: Selfless Mindset that Values Others

“Because Jesus was submitted to His Father and kept God ever before Him, He found it possible to humble Himself before men too, and to be the Servant of all. His humility was simply the surrender of Himself to God, to allow Him to do in Him what He pleased.”

Andrew Murray, “The Spirit of Christ”