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HUMILITY 3.
ECC 9:9

(Y) Point 5. The Principle of Divine Institutional Humility.

With one exception, all authority in life is institutional; i.e., authority does not depend upon love for its function, but upon professionalism in one's action.

Institutional authority in life is exercised as a legitimate function of life.

1. The authority of the organization.
2. The purpose of the organization.
3. The policy of the organization.

All divine institutions under the laws of divine establishment have a structured system for developing genuine humility from authority; all except for divine institution #1, the soul, whose organizational authority is the mentality.

(Y) Divine institution #1 is the soul, whose mentality is in the organized humility for the environment of thinking.

Positive volition toward authority means good decisions in life which open up options for greater decisions.

It was pride that changed angels into devils and humility that changed man into angels.

Humility is the solid foundation of all virtues, we come nearest to the great when we are great in humility.

True humility is intelligent self- respect which keeps us from thinking too highly of ourselves it makes us modest by reminding us how far we have come of what we can be.

(Y) Divine institution # 2 is the authority of the husband over the life.

(Y) Divine institution #3 is the authority of the parents in the home.

The home is the structure for organizational humility, the parents are the authority for enforced humility, and the child's volition is the basis for genuine humility, or the basis for developing tragic flaws if parental authority is rejected.

Divine institution #4 is the authority of human government.

1. The authority of the organization.
2. The purpose of the organization.
3. The policy of the organization.

The client nation to God is organizational humility, the government is the authority for enforced humility, and the volition of the people is the basis for genuine humility and the vigor of the nation.

When government is most vigorous, people with personal problems and poor people are cared for by their families and charitable institutions, and the government should not get involved at all.

The exercise of authority in marriage demands impersonal love and capacity for life along with the authority.

Volition here is not for the development of genuine humility but for the response of love.

The husband's authority is exercised in virtue-love and the wife must respond in kind.

Marriage presupposes genuine humility for its success.

One reason why marriages fail (after picking the wrong spouse) is the opposite of humility which is arrogance.

Arrogance destroys humility in marriage, because most problems in marriage, lack the principle of forgiveness toward one's mate, or toward one's self, which is self-induced misery under the principle of reaping what you sow.

Not forgiving each other and sometimes even yourselves, should motivate you to have the humility to solve your problems with the problem-solving devices which will glorify God.

No marriage can succeed without both enforced humility and genuine humility.

The husband's periodic "no!" is enforced humility for many wives.

Volition cannot be developed into genuine humility by means of marriage.

The exercise of authority in life is based on honor, integrity, wisdom, leadership, and ability. It is not based on love, with the one exception of marriage.

For love to be successful between a man and a woman, genuine humility must precede as a part of capacity for love.

This is often why even unbelievers find great happiness and succeed in marriage where believers fail; Ecc 9:9.

ECC 9:9 "Enjoy life with your right woman whom you have loved all the days of your life of vanity which God has given you under the sun. For this is your reward in life; this and your occupation in which you are working under the sun."

In Eph 5:25 we read "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it."

When Christ gave Himself for the Church when He went to the cross, His motivation was impersonal love for all mankind.

The unbeliever can acquire it through the laws of divine establishment, the believer through spiritual growth.

Impersonal love emphasizes the virtue of the subject and can be attractive or unattractive, beautiful or repulsive.

The issue is not who is the object, but who is the subject.

The husband and the wife do not have equal authority, except where children are concerned.

EPH 5:22 "Wives, be subordinate to your husbands as to the Lord."

The last qualifying phrase immediately defines the problem, for how can you be subordinate to your husband, when you are not subordinate to the Lord?

Because the husbands authority functions on the basis of love, and because it must be based upon his humility and the humility of his wife, there are certain things the husband never demands of his wife in life.

1. The husband has no right to the wife's money, whether she inherited it or earned it, unless she consents from her own volition, and that willingly.

2. The wife has a right to her personal convictions in matters of religion and politics. This means she has the right to attend the church of her choice and to vote her own convictions.

3. Because love is the basis for the husband's authority, the wife must have a right to her privacy and to her opinion. Intimacy will never work without privacy.

4. Because love is the basis for the exercise of the husband's authority, there must exist in marriage a system of communication between husband and wife in all matters of mutual interest.

(Y) Point 6. The Provision for Humility in the Spiritual Life.

At the moment of salvation, God provides for every believer the game plan for the Church Age: life and residence inside the PPOG.

God's plan and will for the believer is delineated only in the Word of God, the Bible.

It becomes necessary for a spiritual gift to have authority over believers for the communication of the Word of God.

When you are born again you are a spiritual baby and just as parents are not commanded to love their children but to rear them in the admonition of the Lord and to train and inculcate them, so the same is true of the pastor in the local church.

The church is a Christian institution, and there need be no love reciprocation between the pastor and the congregation.

Part of God's plan that He allows is that the local church is the classroom for learning God's plan while the cosmic system is the classroom for the inculcation of demonization.

The local church becomes the place to learn organized humility.

Positive volition means life in the PPOG as opposed to negative volition which is life in the cosmic system or demonization.

The pastor of the local church is the authority for enforced humility which is a virtue anywhere you find but it is especially a virtue in the Christian life, because it is the only basis for settling down in the Christian life and learning under some pastor's ministry.

There is also a system of authority within the local church in deacons and church government.

Humility is determined by the volition of the members of the congregation.

Positive volition resides in the PPOG, negative volition rejects doctrine and becomes a cosmic Christian.

Your chance to grow up is only found in the PPOG and it is in this plan that God is glorified.

You must start out with enforced humility to grow and to learn doctrine. Enforced humility means you are not going to like a lot of things you hear taught.

You need only have rapport with doctrine because that is where objectivity versus subjectivity comes into play.

Some believers never grow up because they reject authority because they are in competition with the pastor and demonized once again.

Eventually, teachability develops in the PPOG and is here that believers become teachable.

Genuine humility is an even higher virtue because it has the virtue of application, and operates under the principles of the PPOG.

The country is beyond the help of the normal functions under the laws of divine establishment; PRO 3:33-35.

(Y) Point 7. The Principle of Organizational Humility.

The virtue of any organization is measured using authority and the inculcation of discipline.

Enforced humility is the basis for genuine humility, one of the greatest virtues in life.

No organization can continue its function with arrogant people.

The importance of authority and discipline to bring enforced humility to arrogant people so they can function in the whole concept of basic training in the military.

Arrogant people rob an organization of its purpose, policy, virtue, and merit.

The response to authority and discipline must be enforced humility, the basis for the function of any organization for enforced humility means that even if you don't like anything about the one in authority, you accept his authority.

An organization can be marriage, the home, an educational system, athletics, business or professional groups, the military, law enforcement, public service, medical centers, religious organizations, and for us local churches and missionary organizations.

No organization is composed entirely of honorable, virtuous, and competent people.

The success of an organization always depends upon the honorable, the virtuous, and the competent.

The arrogant, incompetent, troublemaker, and the inefficient must be controlled by discipline so that they can function well on the job.

The only place where arrogance functions efficiently are in Satan's cosmic system where there is no humility available.

Organizational virtue is the function of enforced humility responding to the authority, policy and purpose of the organization, so that eventually genuine humility is produced in the individual.

Whether the person is on or off the job, genuine humility is the basis for happiness in life.

Virtue is produced from authority; virtue is never produced from freedom.

Humility is the only force stronger than arrogance and between arrogance and humility stands authority.

When you undermine and reject the authority of your boss, you are arrogant, demonized and non- virtuous.

(Y) Point 8. The Perfect Example of Humility and Virtue in Life: The Lord Jesus Christ, PHI 2:5-8.

The greatest example of genuine humility in all of human history occurred during the great power experiment of the Hypostatic Union with our Lord Jesus Christ in His humanity.

His mental attitude in His humanity and His tremendous humility gave Him capacity for life and love and happiness, and gave Him the most fantastic problem-solving ability.

It all begins by pointing out where humility exists which is in the mental attitude.

"Keep on thinking this within yourself which also was the thinking of Christ Jesus.

Even though He eternally existed in the essence of God, He did not think equality with God, [that is with the Father or Holy Spirit] a profit to be seized and held.

He deprived Himself of the proper function of His deity when He had received the form of a servant [hypostatic union], when He had been born in the likeness of mankind [incarnation].

Although He was discovered in outward appearance as a man, He *humbled Himself* [enforced and genuine humility] by becoming obedient to the point of death, that is, the death of the cross."

His parents had trained Him to use His volition so that He never sinned by His own free will.

He was free to avoid the cross but instead because of the joy set before Him, He *humbled Himself* to become obedient to the death of the cross.

(Y) Point 9. Mankind is designed for humility.

Mankind is designed to be happy, to be oriented, to be virtuous only when he has genuine humility as his foundation.

Everywhere we turn we are involved with people and only genuine humility can eventuate in impersonal love so that we can have a relaxed mental attitude about all people, obnoxious or attractive.

Genuine humility is the foundation for virtue. Therefore, we are born again to learn obedience.

Humility is the foundation for virtue, as well as for capacity for life, love, and happiness.

Arrogance is stronger than perfect and good environment, as illustrated by the Garden of Eden and the Lord's rule during the Millennium.

Pro 3:34; Jam 4:6; 1PE 5:5, all indicate that God makes war against arrogance and against every believer in the cosmic system.

PRO 3:34 Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet He gives grace [humility] to the afflicted.

PSA 25:8-9 teaches the only way the believer can learn God's way is through enforced and genuine humility.

When a person is negative toward authority, he becomes a vessel of dishonor. PRO 11:2, 16:19, 29:23, all teach that "A spirit of humility will attain honor."

Notice the words of our Lord concerning humility; ISA 50:6.

Our Lord said in ISA 50:6 I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from *humiliation* and spitting, as He was being beating before the cross.

Enforced humility is necessary to learn anything in life, Job 33:16-17.

(Y) Point 10. Humility is necessary for the perpetuation of the client nation.

Isa 11:13, God constantly judges various nations and groups in history which is necessary for the perpetuation of the angelic conflict.

ISA 11:13 Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, and those who harass Judah will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah and Judah will not harass Ephraim.

This says you have a choice of submitting to the legitimate authorities in life.

Without the proper use of authority there is destruction of freedom.

2CH 7:13 "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,

2CH 7:14 My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and then turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Once you have learned the secret of genuine humility, it immediately spawns the second virtue in life, ***concentration***.

The believer is responsible to humble himself under the authority of his pastor teacher and the Word of God.

This is the only thing that delivers a nation in time of crisis; PSA 10:17.

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

(Y) Point 11. Christian Service as a Distraction to Humility.

The road to blessing is organized humility, then enforced humility, followed by genuine humility.

If your parents train you properly, you learn to regulate your own life by your most basic authority, your own volition.

If your authority comes before your freedom, then authority will spit you out oriented to life, and you will use your freedom properly.

To exalt oneself is involvement in the cosmic system; humbling oneself is done by direct authority from God, via divine discipline.

All momentum in the Christian life is based on continued and consistent perception of Bible doctrine.

Missionary organizations outside the local church are fine, but they cannot produce the momentum that comes from doctrinal teaching.

Loss of momentum can occur through arrogance, or preoccupation with what one is doing for the Lord by way of Christian service.

Loss of momentum can occur when one becomes preoccupied with the pleasures of life and doctrine is neglected or taken in every now and then.

When Christian service becomes a distraction to the perception of doctrine, then loss of momentum destroys the spiritual life of the believer and the possibility for blessing.

Point 12. Perception of Doctrine Occurs by the Functions of the two spirits, the Holy Spirit and the human spirit, 1Co 2:12-16.

ROM 8:16 puts it like this "The [Holy] Spirit Himself bears witness with our [human]spirit"

This is why the Holy Spirit is called the teacher of Bible doctrine, Joh 14:26, 16:12-16; 1Jo 2:27; 1Co 2:9-16.

1JO 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

Point 13. The Human Spirit is the Target for Bible Doctrine.

The human spirit is the storage area for doctrines, and it is why our unlimited spiritual I.Q., exists.

Spiritual IQ is also related to doctrine stored in the human spirit, Job 32:8; Rom 8:16.

It determines what things go into the construct of the edification complex of the soul, Eph 4:20-24.

The human spirit is the area of refreshment, 2Co 7:13.

2CO 7:13 For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.

Bible doctrine is stored in the human spirit as the basis of all grace orientation, Jam 1:22; Phm 1:25.

JAM 1:22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

The "doer of the word" is the believer who converts gnosis into epignosis.

PHM 1:25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your [human] spirit.

The human spirit is designed to store and distribute categorical doctrine in the soul; Eph 3:18-19.

If the natural minded man can't understand the things of God, then how can he become born again by believing the spiritual phenomena of the Gospel?

The answer to that is that God the Holy Spirit must act as a human spirit for the comprehension of the Gospel, Gen 6:1-3; Joh 16:8-11; 1Co 2:14-15.

Under the principle of I.C.E., we must compare scriptures with scriptures and doctrines with doctrines if we are to interpret the passage properly.

The final reference is 1CO 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

1CO 2:15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man.