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DOCTRINE OF GRACE, 33.
HUMILITY 2.

PHI 2:1 Since therefore there is encouragement in Christ, since there is comfort from virtue-love, since there is fellowship of the Spirit, since there is tenderesses and compassions,

PHI 2:2 Bring to completion my inner happiness [in your life] by thinking the same things, maintaining the same virtue-love [personal love for God, impersonal love for all mankind and occupation with TLJC], united in soul, concentrating on the same objective.

PHI 2:3 Do nothing motivated by contentiousness or ambitious pride.

(Y) The Doctrine of Humility.

Point 1. Introduction.

Humility is making a right estimate of oneself.

David said in PSA 130:3 If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

(Y) Under Point 2, we noted the Meaning and Definition of Humility.

While the noun "humble" has many definitions, ranging from "feeling of insignificance and feeling of inferiority" to "low in rank or low in importance," none of these definitions relate to the biblical word.

Humility or being humble in the PPOG, is recognition of the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and submitting to that authority.

Since the Bible is the mind of Christ, submission to the authority of our Lord is tantamount to consistent perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine.

(Y) Point 3, we noted that Humility is a System of Thinking and a Way of Life.

As a system of thinking, humility is freedom from both subjective and objective arrogance related to Christian degeneracy.

Humility is a system of thinking before it becomes a way of life.

Humility is a comfortable, relaxed system of thinking.

(Y) Point 4. Humility as a Command and Motivation for Life.

Humility is an anti-cosmic system, as well as anti-demonization, and therefore, it is important for both the unbeliever and the believer to identify authority and to function under it.

The believer cannot be demon possessed because he is indwelt by all three members of the Trinity, but he can be under demon influence through his thought pattern.

All decisions made from the virtue of humility are decisions made from a position of strength so therefore, such decisions avoid involvement in the cosmic system and resultant demon influence.

Demon influence is simply demon invasion of the mentality of the soul with Satan's policy.

The demon invasion of both soul and personality is accomplished by thought transference inside the cosmic system.

This means that arrogant people learn. just as humble people, but they learn the wrong system, the one that disorients them to life, e.g., psychopathic arrogance that by now you ought to be very familiar with.

Both believers and unbelievers in the cosmic system are vulnerable to demon influence.

Unbelievers are also vulnerable to demon possession.

It all starts at physical birth where human life is imputed to the believer from God to the human soul.

All members of the human race are born arrogant, self-centered, and with an old sin nature. LUK 18:9-14.

Humility is something that must be developed and learned.

The first system for the development of humility is the authority of the home.

Sometimes the child learns the concept of virtue faster from bad and unjust authority than from fair authority.

God has made it possible in homes with unfair authority for the acceleration of virtue or the acceleration of evil; it goes either way.

With either type of authority, the person leaving the home with an adult body must also emerge with an adult soul.

Humility is acquired, attained, and developed by degrees.

All degeneracy in society begins with the malfunction of authority in the home.

Since we are not born with virtue, the only chance we have of acquiring virtue is the training we receive in the home where normal morality is taught, where normal authority is used, where discipline is fair and firm and consistent.

Only the adult soul takes responsibility for his own decisions.

It is important to attain genuine humility in life, not only for capacity for love, for life, for happiness, but to avoid the prolonged residence in the cosmic system and resultant demonization.

Since humility must be acquired in life, God has provided the basis for the development of this #1 virtue, "the potter's wheel" of Rom 9:19-23.

God has provided His authority and authority He has delegated so that you can steer through life with virtue from humility and have a marvelous life.

The difference between being a vessel of honor and a vessel of dishonor is your response to authority.

With those of dishonor, he smashes them because God has designed a system for doing so.

God does not create dishonor, but God provides a potter's wheel, which is legitimate authority in life.

Whether a person becomes a vessel of honor or dishonor depends on the function of his own volition and attitude toward authority.

The potter decides how a vessel will be molded but the vessel will only be molded as it responds to the potter's wheel.

The issue is how you, the clay, respond to the potter's wheel.

Those who are negative become a vessel of dishonor, whether believer or unbeliever.

Whether a person becomes a vessel of honor, or a dishonor depends on the function of their volition regarding first the authority of their parents, and after that authority in many areas of life; ROM 9:19-23.

The principle of authority is not only delegated, but created by God who has invented authority as the environment of freedom for the function of the human will.

Just as the chicken came before the egg, so authority comes before human freedom.

Virtue must be acquired and learned, and it must be done before you step out into the world of freedom.

The first responsibility of the child in the home is obedience to the authority and mandates of the parents, whether they seem to be reasonable or unreasonable.

Freedom without authority is anarchy; authority without freedom is tyranny.

The potter's wheel is divine authority delegated to the human race under the laws of divine establishment, e.g., the judge, police officer, coach, teacher, boss, etc.

When children are allowed too much freedom and have no virtue and no respect for the authority of parents, then they become society's monsters, and society begins to degenerate.

In the rearing of the child in the home, freedom is to be given gradually as virtue builds.

Children are not commanded to love their parents, nor visa-versa. Later in life, hopefully, respect for authority will develop into love; COL 3:20-24.

If children, whether believers or unbelievers, are to be protected from demonization and ever learn any virtue, then there must be a basic authority for all members of humanity.

The child's positive response is genuine humility; his negative response is the process of being broken by the potter's wheel.

Parents are the first authority in life to train, teach, inculcate, and to bring the child to the virtue of humility.

There are a lot of things a child must be taught: vocabulary, language, how to think with words, sentences, and paragraphs.

Virtue is not acquired instantaneously, but with many contacts with authority, the first stage of this virtue is enforced humility.

Enforced humility at home eventually will develop into genuine humility where there is response to the authority of parents, teachers, coaches, etc.

Divine institution #1 is the soul, a system for organized humility.

The volition of the soul is the option for enforced humility and genuine humility on the one hand, or the cosmic system and arrogance on the other hand.

Positive volition toward enforced humility at home develops genuine humility through acceptance of parental authority.

Negative volition at home results in life in the cosmic system.

Parents teach children the principles of self-control, self-discipline, poise, and restraint, using volition as the means of reaching genuine humility in life.

The potter's wheel of authority manufactures a vessel of honor, which is characterized by good manners, sensitivity, thoughtfulness of others, and respect for the privacy, property, and rights of others.

The organizational humility of the home provides the environment for enforced humility of parental authority, which eventuates in the function of genuine humility on the part of the child.

Genuine humility develops a sense of destiny, makes decisions from a position of strength, avoids the cosmic system and resultant demonization, and uses one's freedom without endangering the freedom of others.

An immature child's mind is arrogant and cannot cope with life except under the highest form of prosperity.

Since life does not offer a perpetuation of prosperity, such immature people become problems for society and form a reverse pivot.

From this group of immature persons comes the demand syndrome and self-righteous arrogance.

As this reverse pivot inflates, so arrogance increases in the client nation.

Once you leave the home, you revert to divine institution #1: volition or free will.

Your volition is designed to resolve the angelic conflict, because one of the few things we have in common with angels is volition.

You must learn to make good decisions based on *truth* facts and related to the PPOG rather than bad decisions based on emotion related to the cosmic system.

Everything is based on one word, whether it is in the angelic realm or human realm and that is truth.

He is not only the WAY, but He is also the way for us to follow in His footsteps.

Truth is more powerful than anything else in the world including the free will of both man and angels.

We are told that man was given a free will to resolve the Angelic Conflict and that is why the human race was created with a free will.

Once a believer recognizes that our Lord is the way and the truth, and believes it, the result is that we automatically live the spiritual life that God has called us to live.

This is why the apostle Paul wrote EPH 2:10.

The issue in the angelic conflict in human history is using the use of your volition to make decisions, either from a position of weakness, or from a position of strength.

Decisions from a position of strength start from the recognition, the identification of authority, and submission to it.

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

