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“I Expect Him to Live a Life of Humility”

“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” - Pt. 6

Numbers 12:1-16 & Selected

True humility is when the heart, mind, attitude and actions are bowed in harmonious submission to the leadership of Almighty God!

Without Humility...

I. It is impossible to properly represent God.

“Now Moses was very humble – more humble than any other person on earth.” Numbers 12:3 NLT

“But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.” Isaiah 66:2b

II. It is impossible to effectively lead God’s people.

“He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into the snare of the devil.” 1 Timothy 3:6-7

“He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.” Psalm 25:9

III. It is impossible to boldly withstand the storms of Satan.

“Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. And they said, ‘Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?’ And the Lord heard it.” Vs. 1-2

All who determine to walk with God will become the target of the enemy!

IV. It is impossible to joyfully enter God's presence.

"Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, 'Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.'"

Vs. 3-4

"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" Isaiah 57:15

V. It is impossible to clearly communicate with God.

"'Not so with My servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?' And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and He departed." Vs. 7-9

VI. It is impossible to truly forgive and purposefully pray for those who hurt you.

"And Moses cried to the LORD, 'O God, please heal her – please.'"

Vs. 13

"Maturity is moving from a soft skin and a tough heart to a tough skin and a soft heart!"

See 1 Peter 2:21-24