

IRRESISTIBLE

— The Church God Can't Resist —

Humbles Itself

Humility

- “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.” – **1 Peter 5:5-6**
- “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.” - **James 4:10**

Humility

- Being humbled and humbling yourself are not the same.
- God shows favor to the humble.
- God lifts up the humble.
- It'll be at the right time!

**Humility is knowing who we are,
in the light of Who God is.**

**Pride distracts us.
Humility keeps us focused**

1. Check Your Heart

- James 3:13-16

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“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”

1. Check Your Heart

- James 3:13-16
- Why am I doing this?
- What has God said about this?
- "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." – **Luke 15:7**
- Delayed obedience is disobedience.

2. Practice Hidden Service

- Matthew 6:1-4

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“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

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- “The blood of Christ cleanses our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!” – Hebrews 9:14
- We get to serve because the King chose to use us to do His work.

“Self-righteous service requires external rewards. It needs to know that people see & appreciate the effort. It seeks human applause – with proper religious modesty, of course. The flesh whines against service, but screams against hidden service. It strains and pulls for recognition. It will devise subtle means to call attention to the service rendered.”

Richard Foster, book [Celebration of Discipline](#)

**“What are you doing for the
Kingdom of God that you are
taking absolutely no credit for?”**

3. Learn how to Handle Success

- “In the Kingdom of God, more men are destroyed by success than failure.” – Jamie Buckingham
- Whenever applause is **given**, it’s safe.
- Whenever applause is **taken** or **stolen**, it’s destructive.
 - **given** = appreciation for a job well done.
 - **taken** = offered to you, but you don’t deserve and don’t recognize who does.
 - **stolen** = manipulating to gain the attention.

3. Learn how to Handle Success

- “Let another praise you, and not your own mouth.” -
Proverbs 27:2

4. Remember why we are here

- We need to consciously remind ourselves that we have a mission, one that's been given to us by God.
- TLC - "Transformed Lives for Christ"



DISCOVERY MEMBERSHIP CLASS


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 // 9 AM - 3 PM

**Staying mission focused reminds us that
we are here for God's glory, not ours.**

A photograph of two young women laughing together outdoors. The woman on the left is Black and wearing a denim jacket, while the woman on the right is white and also wearing a denim jacket. They are both smiling broadly with their eyes closed. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting.

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Join us at Grace! 

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