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Humility

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The world we live in teaches us to be great at all things, be above the competition, celebrate our greatness with tweets, posts, and conversations that let everyone know of our achievements. C.S. Lewis once said, “A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.”

The Key To The Christian Life

Antithesis of Pride

Is Harder Than It Looks

Humility Connects Us To God

Philippians 2 New Living Translation

Have the Attitude of Christ

2 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? 2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Philippians 2 New Living Translation

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

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**Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.**

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**Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.**

When he appeared in human form,[d]

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**he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.**

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**Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above all other names,**

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**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

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**and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves.” He knew that pride and selfishness were not the character of God but, rather, that a true follower of Jesus was to clothe themselves in humility (Colossians 3:12).

There's a great adage about what humility is and isn't ...

it's not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.

We've all been in conversations when the person we are talking to only talks about themselves.

And, sometimes we are that person, too.

What would it look like to change the focus from yourself to the other person by asking more questions?

Social media is the epicenter of showing off how our personal greatness or the highlight reels of our wonderful lives and adventures. What if your posts for this day, week, month highlighted the value of others who have clothed themselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

“My dear friends, don’t let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith.” James 2:1 (MSG)

Make no mistake about it: pride is the great sin. It is the devils most effective and destructive tool. — C.S. Lewis

Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil:

Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind..... it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began.

— C.S. Lewis



The Chosen season 4 episode 2

One of the more notable examples from the Old Testament is that of Uzziah, who was a believer. When he became king of Judah at age sixteen, he set his heart to seek God and put himself under the spiritual mentorship of Zechariah. And “as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper” (2 Chron. 26:5). As a result, he acquired wealth and also became politically and militarily powerful. Then things changed. “His fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction” (26:15–16).

Judah — 790 to 739 BC - reigned for 52 years

King Amaziah

King Uzziah / Azariah

King Jotham

Prophets —

Hosea

Isaiah

Amos

Jonah

Zechariah

2 Chronicles 26:4-5 New International Version

4 He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done. 5 He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.

King Uzziah in the Bible is shown as a wonderfully intelligent and innovative king, under whom the state of Judah prospered (2 Chronicles 26:6–15).

He was used by God to defeat the Philistines and Arabs (verse 7), he built fortified towers and strengthened the armies of Judah (verses 9 and 14), and he commissioned skilled men to create devices that could shoot arrows and large stones at enemies from the city walls (verse 15).

He also built up the land, and the Bible says he “loved the soil” (verse 10). The Ammonites paid tribute to King Uzziah, and his fame spread all over the ancient world, as far as the border of Egypt (verses 8 and 15).

2 Chronicles 26:16 New Living Translation

Uzziah's Sin and Punishment

16 But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, which led to his downfall. He sinned against the Lord his God by entering the sanctuary of the Lord's Temple and personally burning incense on the incense altar.

Numbers 12:3 New Living Translation

3 (Now Moses was very humble—more humble than any other person on earth.)

Numbers 11: 4-6

New Living Translation

4 Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt. And the people of Israel also began to complain. “Oh, for some meat!” they exclaimed. 5 “We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. 6 But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!”

Numbers 11: 10–12

New Living Translation

10 Moses heard all the families standing in the doorways of their tents whining, and the Lord became extremely angry. Moses was also very aggravated. **11** And Moses said to the Lord, “Why are you treating me, your servant, so harshly? Have mercy on me! What did I do to deserve the burden of all these people? **12** Did I give birth to them? Did I bring them into the world?”

Numbers 11: 10–12 New Living Translation

13 Where am I supposed to get meat for all these people? They keep whining to me, saying, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ 14 I can’t carry all these people by myself! The load is far too heavy! 15 If this is how you intend to treat me, just go ahead and kill me. Do me a favor and spare me this misery!”

Numbers 11: 10–12 New Living Translation

16 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather before me seventy men who are recognized as elders and leaders of Israel. Bring them to the Tabernacle[a] to stand there with you. 17 I will come down and talk to you there. I will take some of the Spirit that is upon you, and I will put the Spirit upon them also.

Numbers 11:28-29 New Living Translation

28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' assistant since his youth, protested, "Moses, my master, make them stop!"

29 But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them all!"

Numbers 12 New Living Translation

The Complaints of Miriam and Aaron

12 While they were at Hazeroth, Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses because he had married a Cushite woman. **2** They said, “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Hasn’t he spoken through us, too?” **But the Lord heard them. 3 (Now Moses was very humble—more humble than any other person on earth.)**

Numbers 12 New Living Translation

4 So immediately the Lord called to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam and said, **“Go out to the Tabernacle, all three of you!”** So the three of them went to the Tabernacle. 5 **Then the Lord descended** in the pillar of cloud **and stood at the entrance** of the Tabernacle. **“Aaron and Miriam!”** he called, and they stepped forward. 6 And the Lord said to them, **“Now listen to what I say:**

Numbers 12 New Living Translation

**“If there were prophets among you,
I, the Lord, would reveal myself in visions.
I would speak to them in dreams.**

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**But not with my servant Moses.
Of all my house, he is the one I trust.**

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**I speak to him face to face,
clearly, and not in riddles!
He sees the Lord as he is.
So why were you not afraid
to criticize my servant Moses?”**

Numbers 12 New Living Translation

9 The Lord was very angry with them, and he departed. 10 As the cloud moved from above the Tabernacle, there stood Miriam, her skin as white as snow from leprosy.

Numbers 12 New Living Translation

13 So Moses cried out to the Lord, “O God, **I beg you, please heal her!**”

2 Kings 5:9-13 New Living Translation

9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. 10 But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy."

2 Kings 5:9-13 New Living Translation

11 But Naaman became angry and stalked away. “I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!” he said. “I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me! 12 Aren’t the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn’t I wash in them and be healed?” So Naaman turned and went away in a rage.

2 Kings 5:9-13 New Living Translation

13 But his officers tried to reason with him and said, “Sir,[a] if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn’t you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, ‘Go and wash and be cured!’”

2 Kings 5:9-13 New Living Translation

14 So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!

2 Kings 5:9-13 New Living Translation

15 Then Naaman and his entire party went back to find the man of God. They stood before him, and Naaman said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.”

16 But Elisha replied, “As surely as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept any gifts.” And though Naaman urged him to take the gift, Elisha refused.

Thoughts for prayer time

Journal or write down a resume of your character, not your expertise. What does this reveal about who you are becoming? Are you on the path to humility?

Reflect and write down the characteristics of a gentle and humble person.

Spend this week doing some self-assessment. How do you speak about yourself to others? Sometimes we spin the truth to make ourselves appear better to the other person. Do you do this?

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