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JAMES 4:6-10
DAMON PERCY

OUR VISION:

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.



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James 4:6 (NLT)

6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,
“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.”



James 4:7 (NLT)

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



**HUMBLE YOURSELF
BEFORE GOD BY GIVING
YOUR FIRST AND BEST TO GOD**

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James 4:8 (NLT)

8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.



James 4:10 (NLT)

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.



1 Samuel 1:11 (NLT)

11 And she made this vow: “O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut.”



1 Samuel 1:27-28 (NLT)

27 I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and he has granted my request. 28 Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.” And they worshiped the Lord there.



1 Samuel 2:20-21 (NLT)

20 Before they returned home, Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, “May the Lord give you other children to take the place of this one she gave to the Lord.” 21 And the Lord blessed Hannah, and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord.



1 Samuel 3:19 (NLT)

19 As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him, and everything Samuel said proved to be reliable.



HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

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John 13:35 (NLT)

35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”



Ruth 1:16-17 (NLT)

16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. 17 Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!”



Ruth 2:6-7 (NLT)

6 And the foreman replied, “She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. 7 She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since, except for a few minutes’ rest in the shelter.”



Ruth 2:10-12 (NLT)

10 Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. “What have I done to deserve such kindness?” she asked. “I am only a foreigner.” 11 “Yes, I know,” Boaz replied. “But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers. 12 May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.



Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT)

23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.



Ruth 4:11 (NLT)

11 Then the elders and all the people standing in the gate replied, “We are witnesses! May the Lord make this woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, from whom all the nation of Israel descended! May you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.



Ruth 4:15 (NLT)

May he restore your youth and care for you in your old age. For he is the son of your daughter-in-law who loves you and has been better to you than seven sons!”



HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD BY SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS

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Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

12 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.



Philippians 2:5 (NLT)

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



Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT)

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

7 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,

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



John 13:3-5 (NLT)

3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.



John 13:15-17 (NLT)

15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. 16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. 17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.



1 Corinthians 10:33 (NLT)

I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.



1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT)

And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.



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