

True Humility

Matthew 11:28-30 *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

Introduction

1. Jesus’ humility was the key to ministry

- 1.1 Context – the end of John the Baptist’s ministry
- 1.2 Humility allows God to work through us

2. The Philippian Church (Phil. 2:1-13)

- 2.1 Its diversity
- 2.2 Its difficulty – threatening division

The Example of Christ

1. His humility was voluntary

- 1.1 Before God
- 1.2 In this world

2. Humility empties of self

- 2.1 Selfish ambition - (grasped - something to be used for His own advantage)
- 2.2 Servant for others

3. Humility obeys all the way

- 3.1 From the cradle to the grave
- 3.2 Humility on the cross – no retaliation

4. Humility leads to victory

- 4.1 His exaltation

Working it out in Life

1. Timothy (Phil. 2:19-24)

- 1.1 Ambition
- 1.2 Altruism – focused on others in service

2. Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25-30)

- 2.1 A gifted man – brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier and messenger
- 2.2 Served to the extreme – humble in service

3. Paul (Phil. 3:3-11)

- 3.1 His Jewish heritage
- 3.2 Surrendered and focused on Jesus

Conclusion

1. Pride leads to a fall, but humility leads to victory

2. Appeal

Humble yourself and God will lift you up (Jam. 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6)

Ron's Quotes:

“Humility is the key to effective ministry”

*“Humility is not just an attitude,
But it finds expression in action and lifestyle”*

*“Humility is worked out in this life:
God works it in you by grace;
You work it out in obedience and service”*