

HUMILITY AND JUSTIFICATION

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LUKE 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you:
good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, and running over
will be put into your bosom. For with
the same measure that you use, it
will be measured back to you.

LUKE 6:27-28

But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you

MATTHEW 5:44

But I say to you, love your enemies,
bless those who curse you, do good
to those who hate you, and pray for
those who spitefully use you and
persecute you,

LUKE 18:9-14

⁹ Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

LUKE 18:9-14

¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14

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Pharisee:

- His prayer was self focused
 - He was judgmental and
condescending towards others.
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If we are not careful:

1. We compare ourselves to people who have it more together, thereby causing us to feel inferior.
 2. We compare ourselves to people who we perceive to have it less together, thereby causing us to feel superior.
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Tax collector:

- He showed reverence, honor and fear of the Lord
- He begs for mercy as he repents

JAMES 4: 6-10

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. ⁹ Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

JAMES 4:10

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MATTHEW 5:1-10

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. **2** Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed *are* those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed *are* the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

MATTHEW 5:1-10

Blessed *are* the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed *are* the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

Blessed *are* the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Poor in spirit is not:

- Self-Reliance
 - Self-Determination
 - Self-Confidence
 - Self-Esteem
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Poor in spirit: those who realize that we need God and cannot save ourselves through good deeds or by our own righteousness.

EPHESIANS 2:1-2

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

JAMES 4:4

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Enmity- actively opposed or hostile to something or someone.

Questions

1. Is there a situation that I am unable to fix?
2. Is god allowing that situation in my life to increase my dependence on Him?

The Poor in spirit are aware of their

- Emptiness
 - Helplessness
 - Failures
 - Inadequacies
 - Shortcomings
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LUKE 18:13- 14

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MATTHEW 6:1-2

Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

MATTHEW 6:5-6

And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Justified-

Declared righteous in the sight of God.

THE HUMBLE ARE EXALTED AND
EXALTED ARE HUMBLLED.

1 PETER 5:5

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for
“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

PROVERBS 3:34

Surely He scorns the scornful,
But gives grace to the humble.

ROMANS 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

QUOTE

Humility recognizes the great truth;
everything is from God.

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