



Humility & Grace

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James 4:6 NASB But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

Proverbs 22:4 NASB The reward of humility *and* the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life.

Proverbs 29:22-23 NASB (22) An angry man stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.
(23) A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.

Proverbs 18:10-12 NASB

(10) The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe.

(11) A rich man's wealth is his strong city, And like a high wall in his own imagination.

(12) Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, But humility *goes* before honor.

Pride buries potential.

Humility multiplies potential.

Why not church? EXAMPLE

What if the pastor/church held the same standard of judgement towards the incoming attenders?

This highlights how much we actually miss it.

Good.

What makes something good?

- **What good really means in our society is better than.**
- **Well, better than what? This means that we all rate good differently.**
- **We rate our lives as 'good' when the good outweighs the bad.**
- **The problem is, good equals better, but Godly equals the BEST.**
- **You can have good without Godly.**
- **That is the trap.**

Good, or good intentions does NOT equal humility. You can be good & prideful. You can be good, but not Godly. (Genesis 3)

Psychopath Example:

- How many people would you consider to be 'Good'?
- How many people know EVERY right thing to do?
- Most don't know all of God (don't even know 'Godly')
- How can they be 100%
- Most are ~80% Godly, doing the best they know how. THEY ARE what we would call GOOD.
- If they weren't, they would be doing what they knew was bad; they would be psychopaths
- This is where humility comes in. Without it, you never uncover the 20% missing.

Most sell their best face

They don't want to show their weakness because they have made their reputation, not God, their source.

Power in Humility of Confession

James 5:14-16 NASB

(14) Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders

of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

(15) and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

(16) Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Humility Solves MOST Of Your Problems!

90% of problems solved:

Philippians 4:8-9 NASB Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

(9) The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

- How many negative thoughts will be from God?
- So, who are negative thoughts from? EVERY ONE of them?
- How many negative thoughts should we keep?
- How many negative thoughts should we give power?
- What do you do with negative thoughts?
THROW THEM AWAY INSTANTLY!

2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB (5) *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

2 Corinthians 10:5 NLT We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 MSG We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion

and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ.

Problems with others generally come from:

- Miscommunication: Bad communication, Bad listening or generally Both
- Negative seed thought that isn't true at all

What do you do with negative thoughts?

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- I'm not saying that you never deal with problems.
- I'm saying that you take a different attitude into it & DON'T let the negative thought RULE your thoughts & actions.

Even if it is a problem:

1. What would you want if the problem was you?
Mercy & forgiveness
2. Take triumph attitude into it -
KNOW that it will work out for the best
3. God wants it solved too & will probably solve it for you

Humility TRULY Makes Jesus Your Lord

John 6:48-69 NASB

(48) "I am the bread of life.

(49) "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

(50) "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

(51) "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

(52) Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?"

(53) So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

(54) "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

- (55) "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.
- (56) "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.
- (57) "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.
- (58) "This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever."
- (59) These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.
- (60) Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"
- (61) But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?"
- (62) "What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?"
- (63) "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
- (64) "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.
- (65) And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."
- (66) As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.
- (67) So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?"
- (68) Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.
- (69) "We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

This is what an ALL IN, SOLD OUT life sounds like:

*"He & His kingdom is why I do **EVERYTHING** that I do."*

(Problem: I've found that most people reserve that call to ministers, forgetting that THEIR main job is His ambassador.)

It is hardest because these are the things of life that you

generally have put off changing until the last minute; the things that have been most precious to your flesh.

- It's not that I or Jesus don't want you to enjoy things.
- He AND I want your joy to be complete, but that does not happen in disobedience, but in obedience.

The flesh says: "I WANT to do what I want!" then points the finger at everything Godly as the source that takes the flesh's happiness.

Matthew 7:13-27 NASB

- (13) "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.
- (14) "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- (15) "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
- (16) "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn *bushes* nor figs from thistles, are they?
- (17) "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.
- (18) "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.
- (19) "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- (20) "So then, you will know them by their fruits.
- (21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.
- (22) "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'
- (23) "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'
- (24) "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

- (25) "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.
- (26) "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
- (27) "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

Philippians 2:5-15 NASB

- (5) Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
- (6) who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- (7) but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.
- (8) Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- (9) For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
- (10) so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- (11) and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- (12) So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;
- (13) for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.
- (14) Do all things without grumbling or disputing;
- (15) so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

Greater grace belongs to the humble

Hebrews 13:17 NASB Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

Proverbs 9:7-13 NASB

- (7) He who corrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself, And he who reprove a wicked man *gets* insults for himself.
- (8) Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you, Reprove a wise man and he will love you.
- (9) Give *instruction* to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase *his* learning.
- (10) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- (11) For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.
- (12) If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, And if you scoff, you alone will bear it.
- (13) The woman of folly is boisterous, *She is* naive and knows nothing.

Can't counsel the prideful.

**They are just irritating & unfruitful until that reverses.
The humble can grow & become more fruitful & aren't burying potential.**

Ecclesiastes 4:13 NASB A poor yet wise lad is better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows *how* to receive instruction.

Proverbs 15:31-33 NASB

- (31) He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof Will dwell among the wise.
- (32) He who neglects discipline despises himself, But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding.
- (33) The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor *comes* humility.

1 Peter 5:1-11 NASB

- (1) Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder

and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

- (2) shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;
- (3) nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.
- (4) And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.
- (5) You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for **GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.**
- (6) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,
- (7) casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.
- (8) Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- (9) But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.
- (10) After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.
- (11) To Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:9-14 NASB

- (9) And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:
- (10) "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
- (11) "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
- (12) 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'
- (13) "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

(14) "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

IF THIS CHRISTIANITY IS REAL:

Php 2:1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

Php 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

THEN DO THIS:

Php 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

Php 2:4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

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Php 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

Php 2:4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Php 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Php 2:6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

NLT

Php 2:5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

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Php 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, WORK out your salvation with fear and trembling;

Php 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Php 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

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Php 2:12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

Php 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.

Php 2:14 Do everything without complaining and arguing,

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Php 2:12 Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [my suggestions], so now, not only [with the enthusiasm you would show] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).

Php 2:13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

**This is humility!
This is where grace lives!**

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Christ's Example of Humility

Php 2:1 If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—

Php 2:2 then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends.

Php 2:3 Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead.

Php 2:4 Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Php 2:5 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself.

Php 2:6 He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what.

Php 2:7 Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human!

Php 2:8 Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion.

Php 2:9 Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever,

Php 2:10 so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ,

Php 2:11 and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

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Php 2:12 What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was

living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God.

Php 2:13 That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.

Php 2:14 Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed!

This is humility!

This is where grace lives!

James 4:1-16 NASB

- (1) What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?
- (2) You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.
- (3) You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.
- (4) You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- (5) Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?
- (6) But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."
- (7) Submit therefore 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) Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.
- (10) Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.
- (11) Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law

and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge *of it*.

- (12) There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?
- (13) Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."
- (14) Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.
- (15) Instead, *you ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."
- (16) But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.