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"Humility is the path to God's Grace."

What is Humility?

- 1. The path to God's Grace.
 - a. Tap into all of God's benefits through His Grace!
- 2. Strength and power under control.
- 3. To surrender, to be devoted and to have dedication.
- 4. A choice and a decision.
- 5. An attitude of dependence on God.
 - a. The more we depend on God, the more Humility, Grace and Blessings we have!
- 6. Asking for God's help.

James 4:6 - 11 (AMP)

- ⁶ But <u>He gives us more and more grace [through the power of the Holy Spirit to defy sin and live an obedient life that reflects both our faith and our gratitude for our salvation]</u>. Therefore, it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD *and* HAUGHTY, BUT [continually] <u>GIVES [the gift of] GRACE TO THE HUMBLE</u> [who turn away from self-righteousness]."
- ⁷ So <u>submit to [the authority of] God</u>. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you.
- ⁸ Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people].
- ⁹ Be miserable and grieve and weep [over your sin]. Let your [foolish] laughter be turned to mourning and your [reckless] joy to gloom.
- ¹⁰ <u>Humble yourselves [with an attitude of repentance and insignificance] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up, He will give you purpose].</u>
- ¹¹ Believers, do not speak against *or* slander one another. He who speaks [self-righteously] against a brother or ^[a]judges his brother [hypocritically], speaks against the Law and judges the Law. If you judge the Law, you are not a doer of the Law but a judge of it.

"A life of Humility is strength, character, steadfast, promotion, power and purpose."

What is God's Grace?

- 1. Peace
- 2. Power
- 3. Protection
- 4. Promotion
- 5. Platform

Spiritual Habits for Humility and Happiness

- 1. Surrender
- 2. Submission
- 3. Silence
- 4. Strength
- 5. Success

Isaiah 66:2 (AMP)

² "For all these things My hand has made, So all these things came into being [by and for Me]," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look [graciously], To him who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who [reverently] trembles at My word and honors My commands.

- God looks for the Humble.
- God promotes those who are Humble.

Matthew 5:3 (KJV)

³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

³ "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

- Blessed and happy are the Humble.
- The whole world belongs to the Humble and those who are sold out believers.
- Those who are Humble live an "unlimited life!"
- Those who are Humble go far and high with God.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is God's Grace?
- 2. How does Humility bring happiness into your life?
- 3. What benefits come through living a life of Humility?

Resources:

If you would like to look at "Humility – God's Path To More Grace" sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

