

SERMON NOTES



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“God draws the Humble close to Him.”

Attributes of Humility

- 1. Humility positions us to possess the provision through faith.**
- 2. Humility is strength under pressure.**
- 3. Humility is a disciplined life.**
- 4. Humility is a life-long journey.**
- 5. Humility is being dependent on God.**
- 6. Humility is surrender and yieldedness to allow God to work in your life.**

James 4:6 - 11 (AMP)

⁶ But 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]. Therefore, it says, “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD *and* HAUGHTY, BUT [continually] GIVES [the gift of] GRACE TO THE HUMBLE [who turn away from self-righteousness].”

- The provision of God is possessed through faith.**
- To walk and fellowship with God, you must agree with God, be humble and be willing to change.**

⁷ So submit to [the authority of] God. 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 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].

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.

“The Grace of God is all that God is and all that God has.”

Different Levels of Grace

- 1. Living**
- 2. Standing**
- 3. Sustaining**
- 4. Overcoming**
- 5. Healing**
- 6. Financial**
- 7. Dying in Faith**

What Humility is....

- 1. Positions you to receive.**
- 2. An attitude of the heart.**
 - Out of your heart comes good and bad things.**
 - Your future is in your heart.**
 - What is in your heart today determines where you are going.**
 - What is in your heart is your decision and your choice.**

Psalm 138:6 (AMP)

⁶ Though the LORD is exalted, He regards the lowly [and invites them into His fellowship];
But the proud *and* haughty He knows from a distance.

2 Corinthians 12:7 – 9 (AMP)

⁷ Because of the surpassing greatness *and* extraordinary nature of the revelations [which I received from God], for this reason, to keep me from thinking of myself as important, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, to torment *and* harass me—to keep me from exalting myself!

⁸ Concerning this I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might leave me.

⁹ but He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you [My lovingkindness and My mercy are more than enough—always available—regardless of the situation]; for [My] power is being perfected [and is completed and shows itself most effectively] in [your] weakness.” Therefore, I will all the more gladly boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ [may completely enfold me and] may dwell in me.

- The Grace of God enables us to face our troubles with strength.**
- God’s power is most effective in Humility.**
- Humility speaks the truth in love.**
- Truth is what God says about you.**
- What you are saying is subject to change. What God is saying is “eternal.”**
- God releases His Grace as soon as you recognize that you need Him and ask for His help.**

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the benefits of being Humble?
2. What does God's Grace enable you to do? How does God's Grace bring change into your life?

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.

