

## Focus on Humility

**Proverbs 15:33- The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.** (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Embodiment of humility taking on human flesh. Believers learn the value of humility from Jesus' demonstrated earthly demeanor. Each person chooses whether to learn from Jesus and to follow His example. Discipline in decision-making and bodily actions reveal a person's values. A person's actions will reflect the extent a person lives in ways pleasing to Christ. Choosing the way of humility requires active and conscious decision-making.

**Proverbs 18:12- Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.** (KJV)

Keeping the personal focus on Jesus Christ is necessary for humility in behavior. Guarding the heart, mind and soul is necessary for humble behavior to develop. A personal willingness to serve God is essential in a life of blessed humility. Humility is possible for believers in all walks of life choosing to follow Christ. Consistently rejecting the perils to the soul is required for maintaining humility. Only by living in Jesus Christ does humility come to be present in a believer.

**Proverbs 22:4- By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.** (KJV)

A person does not achieve humility in life through his or her own actions. Jesus Christ alive in the heart, mind and soul enable a person to be humble. Joy arises in life when Jesus Christ is embraced and guides the believer daily. Baptism serves as the beginning for believers seeking God's Heavenly Kingdom. The path leading to the Heavenly Kingdom and eternal life is narrow. (Mt.7:13-14) Life can be many years in length and choices made determine the outcome.

**I Peter 5:5- Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.** (KJV)

The world offers many treacherous paths in life that are devastating for the soul. Great vigilance keeps the believer focused on Christ to learn from His example. Humility seems contrary to the ways of the world that encourage aggression. Jesus Christ took on human flesh and went to the Cross in supreme humility. The Lord Jesus Christ washed His disciples' feet as a teaching lesson in humility. Wise believers exercise self-examination to ensure choosing the way of humility.

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