

## Acquiring Humility

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

Acquiring humility entails looking to Jesus Christ as humility's supreme example. Believers valuing humility will constantly learn from and about Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel is an authoritative source for learning about Christ's humility. Jesus demonstrated humility when He took on flesh and suffered upon the Cross. Worldly values which run contrary to humility are perilous choices for the soul.

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

The believer freely chooses whether to desire and seek to acquire humility.

Pride's dangers to the soul become clear in studying the Church's teachings.

Humility will be revealed if present in the believer's daily human relationships.

The desires and content of the heart, mind and soul are revealed in relationships.

Human interactions reflect if believers are humble in heart, mind and soul.

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

Humility is substantive in life's most highly treasured honor and riches.

Cherishing the Lord God in the heart, mind and soul leads to being humble in life.

Recognizing and taking responsibility for personal sins shapes the humble life.

Humility is expressed in the acknowledging, confessing and repenting of sins.

Christ's unequalled example of humility inspires believers to learn from Him.

**Colossians 2:18-Let no man beguile you of your reward in voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.** (KJV)

Guarding and guiding the heart, mind and soul are necessary in seeking humility.

Perils to the soul exist and are present to be found everywhere in the world.

Evil sometimes is disguised as being good when seeking to endanger the soul.

The believer desiring to be humble and acquire humility needs always to be alert.

Praying and remaining united with Jesus Christ fosters the presence of humility.

**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)

Humility includes seeking guidance from, honoring and being grateful to Christ

Acquiring humility is inextricably linked with unity with the Lord Jesus Christ

Love for Jesus Christ involves living a humble life fully established in Christ.

The Church offers nourishment and teachings necessary to learn about humility.

Humility is possible through repentance and unity with Jesus Christ in the Church.

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