

Humility

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

Believers have the opportunity at every stage of life to learn the value of humility. Acquiring humility is necessary for life to be fully lived in Christ-pleasing ways. Humility is completely synonymous with and exemplified in the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers must overcome personal traits conflicting with humility to please Christ. Jesus Christ demonstrated humility in different ways to attentive believers. Jesus demonstrated humility by taking on human flesh in simple surroundings. Christ voluntarily subjected Himself to arrest, trial and crucifixion on the Cross. The Lord Jesus Christ used His personal example to teach attentive believers. Attentive and perceptive believers discern the wisdom in acquiring humility.

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

The battle to achieve humility is won or lost in the interior of the believer's heart. Believers contend in the heart with factors competing for the believer's soul. Perilous forces actively seek in the heart to attack and tarnish the believer's soul. Serious believers actively protect the heart against attacking perilous influences. Prayer and fasting serve to foster humility in the heart and defend against peril. Nourishing the heart with God's word and knowledge of Christ facilitate humility. Being attentive to the Lord Jesus Christ's humility inspires attentive believers. Believers humble of heart understand the dangers to the soul that accompany pride. Fear of the Lord has a place in acquiring humility deep in the believer's heart.

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

Each moment of time is a present opportunity to learn the value of humility. Believers benefit greatly when learning the value of humility early in earthly life. Life's riches are fully enjoyed when believers embrace Jesus Christ's humility. Being determined to seek to grow in Christ is consistent with being humble. Knowing that growing in Christ is always possible spurs the humble believer. Awareness of dangers to the soul at all times of life is reason to seek humility. Only by remaining fully united with Jesus Christ is humility possible in the heart. Christ's love and grace are essential for true humility to govern and fill the heart. Joy in Jesus Christ comes with the genuine valuing of humility in daily life.

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