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Week 30

Humility

Oh Lord it's hard to be  
humble When you're  
perfect in every way  
I can't wait to look in the  
mirror Cause I get  
better looking each day

How do you define  
Humility?

# Oxford Dictionary:

The quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance.

*'he needs the humility to accept that their way may be better'*

# Merriam-Webster Dictionary:

freedom from pride or  
arrogance : the quality or  
state of being humble

# Thayer's New Testament Dictionary:

“not rising far from the ground...of a low degree, lowly in spirit...”having a humble opinion of oneself, a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness”

C.S. Lewis

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.”

Do you think our culture is  
becoming more or less  
humble?

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Why do you think our  
society is becoming less  
humble?

We are living in the last days!

2 Timothy 3: 1-2

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

People will be lovers of themselves,...

What happens to our  
society when it becomes  
less humble?



What is the opposite of  
humility?

# 1 Peter 5: 5

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

What does it mean to clothe  
yourself with humility?

Who does Peter say you are  
standing in opposition to if  
you are not humble?

**GOD!!!**

Does Jesus demonstrate  
humility?

What are some examples?

# Philippians 2: 3-8

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:  
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage

rather, he made himself  
nothing by taking the very  
nature of a servant, being  
made in human likeness. And  
being found in appearance as  
a man, he humbled himself by  
becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

What does God do to the  
humble?

# Philippians 2: 9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue  
acknowledge that Jesus  
Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the  
Father.

# Matthew 20: 25-28

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you.

Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

# Famous parable by Jesus about humility

Luke 18: 9-14

Who did Jesus say this parable was directed to?

Hint-Luke 18: 9

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

Who were the Pharisees?

Were the Pharisees  
religious?

Do you think they were  
surprised by how the parable  
ended?

Did the Pharisees follow  
God's laws?

Only the outward ones

✓ Matthew 23: 27-28

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

What was the response of the  
Pharisees to the Parable told  
by Jesus?

How does someone with  
humility respond when  
confronted about their sin?

Repentance

How does someone who lacks humility respond when confronted about their sin?

Anger

What are some ways that  
we can grow in our  
humility?

# 10 Tips for Growing in Humility

1. Humble ourselves before God

✓ 2 Chronicles 7: 14

✓ James 4: 10

2. Humble ourselves to God's Word

✓ 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

❖ *We must change our life to fit God's Word and not change God's word to fit our life!!!*

3. Humble ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit

✓ John 14: 26

4. Humbly confess our sins to God

✓ The Parable of the Tax Collector

5. Humbly acknowledge our sins  
to each other

✓ James 5: 16

6. Humbly submit to authority

✓ 1 Peter 2: 18 (both good and  
bad!)

7. Receive correction and advice from others graciously

✓ James 5: 16

8. Humbly submit to authority

✓ Proverbs 10: 17

✓ Proverbs 12: 1

9. Humbly accept a lowly place

✓ Proverbs 25: 6-7

10. Aggressively take every  
thought captive

✓ 2 Corinthians 6: 5

In our natural (fallen) state we are all proud creatures—thinking too highly of ourselves, not highly enough of God, and too lowly of other people. Therefore, even after we're redeemed by God's grace, we need to be humbled.

Is it possible to be humble  
when you are being  
humiliated?

Where do we find the  
power for this humility?

# John 15: 5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."