

HUMILITY BEFORE HONOR

What Do You Have That You Didn't Receive

I. **Proud/superior because of who they follow, what they have-1Co1:4-I thank my God always on your behalf for the grace of God WHICH IS GIVEN YOU...⁵That IN EVERYTHING YE ARE ENRICHED BY HIM in all utterance...knowledge⁷...come behind in NO GIFT¹¹...declared to me...there are CONTENTIONS among you (Pr13:10)¹²...every one of you says I am of Paul...Apollos...Cephas...Christ.¹³Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you...were ye baptized in the name of Paul?^{3:3}is among you strife...⁴...I am of Paul...Apollos...⁵WHO THEN IS PAUL...WHO IS APOLLOS but MINISTERS (servants) by whom ye believed even as the Lord gave to EVERY MAN?(GNB-Each one does the work the Lord gave him to do) ⁶I have planted, Apollos watered but GOD GAVE THE INCREASE. ⁷NEITHER IS HE THAT PLANTS ANYTHING, NEITHER HE THAT WATERS...¹⁰ACCORDING TO THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH IS GIVEN UNTO ME as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation...another builds thereon...²¹Let no man GLORY (boast) in men (NL-Boast about following a particular leader) ^{4:1}Let a man so ACCOUNT OF US as of the MINISTERS of Christ and STEWARDS of the mysteries of God.⁶...not to think of men above that which is written that no one of you be PUFFED UP for one against another (AM-Arrogant/boast in favor of one minister against the other).⁷For WHO MAKES YOU TO DIFFER FROM ANOTHER? and WHAT HAVE YOU THAT YOU DID NOT RECEIVE? now if you did receive it why do you GLORY (Boast-Exalt self) AS IF you had not received it.⁸Now ye are full...rich...reigned as kings without us...I would to God ye did reign that we also might reign with you.¹⁸...some are puffed up...¹⁹...will know not the speech of them which are puffed up but the power**

- A. Paul's humility-I'm not anything, I'm a servant doing the work God gave me to do, I steward the mysteries, I do it by the grace of God; Not puffed up because of what he has and aware he didn't give it to himself
- B. Who makes you to differ from another?-They made the minister they followed superior and themselves superior because they followed him
- C. God gave them some things by His grace so they had some things and they thought they were superior because of it-Like they gave it to themselves

II. You obtained nothing of yourself

- A. Pride sees itself as superior because of what it possesses and as it's own source-1Co4:7-TL-What are you so puffed up about? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you are so great, and as though you have accomplished something on your own-REM-What do you have-whether health, purity of character, riches, talents or anything else-that was not given to you? And if God gave it to you, why do you brag as though you obtained it on your own
- B. If it's good and we have it God's responsible-Ps16:2-ER-Every good thing I have comes from you-CEV-...is a gift from you-NIV-Apart from you I have no good thing-Js1:17-ER-Every good thing comes from God
 - 1. Never credit yourself-Jn7:15-Marvelled...How knows this man letters having never learned?¹⁶My doctrine is not mine but his that sent-Jn3:27-A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven
 - 2. Be honest about how you got it-Believed for it-He taught me about faith, how to use my faith, gave me the faith; Worked hard-He

taught to work hard, gave me the strength, was gracious to me (some work hard and see nothing); *Studied*-He showed me how to study, the importance of studying, gave me the strength, was gracious to me

- C. There's a temptation to get in pride over what we have (gifts, knowledge, possessions, family)-You didn't give it to yourself so why feel superior because you have it-**1Tm6:17**-Charge them that are rich in this world that they BE NOT HIGHMINDED nor trust in uncertain riches but in the living GOD WHO GIVES us richly all things to enjoy-**Dt8:12**-Have eaten...art full...have built goodly houses...¹³...thy herds...flocks multiply...silver...gold ...multiplied...all that you hast is multiplied;¹⁴Then YOUR HEART BE LIFTED UP and you forget the Lord thy God...¹⁷...SAY IN YOUR heart MY POWER and THE MIGHT OF MINE HAND has gotten me this wealth.¹⁸...remember the Lord...it is he that gives you power to get wealth

III. Humble people have no sense of superiority over what they possess because they know they didn't give it to themselves-Gn32:10-I AM NOT WORTHY (small) of the least of all the mercies and all the truth which you have showed unto your servant; For with my staff I passed over this Jordan and now I am become two bands-**1Ch29:14**-Who am I AND WHAT IS MY PEOPLE that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of you and of your own have we given you

- A. Don't feel superior because of what you have be thankful you have it