

HUMILITY BEFORE HONOR

You Can Do Nothing

- I. **Without Him you can do nothing (bear no good fruit)-Jn15:4-AS THE BRANCH CANNOT bear fruit OF ITSELF except it abide in the vine; NO MORE CAN YE except ye abide in me.⁵I am the vine ye are the branches: He that abides in me and I in him the same brings forth much fruit: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING**
- A. Is that true?-It was true for Jesus and being humble it was real to him-**Jn5:19**-Can do nothing of himself...³⁰Can of mine own self do nothing
- B. We accomplish nothing of ourselves-If it was good it was God-**2Co3:1**-Do we...commend (approve) ourselves...need we as some...epistles of commendation to you...from you^{3TP}As a result of our ministry you are living letters written by Christ...^{4MS}We couldn't be more sure of ourselves...⁵Not that we are sufficient (able) of ourselves TO THINK ANYTHING AS OF OURSELVES but our sufficiency is of God.^{5ER}-I don't mean that we are able to do anything good ourselves. It is God who makes us able to do all that we do
- C. With Him you can do some things-Bear some good fruit-**Ph4:13, Jn14:10**
- II. **It is A REALITY to humble people that they can do nothing of themselves- Joseph-Gn41:16-IT IS NOT IN ME: God shall give Pharaoh an answer-David-Ps18:29-BY YOU I have run through a troop...BY MY GOD have I leaped over a wall-Moses-Ex15:1-I will sing unto the Lord FOR HE has triumphed...horse...rider HAS HE thrown into the sea. THE LORD is my strength...HE is become my salvation...I will exalt HIM-Paul-1Co15:9-I am THE LEAST of the apostles that am not meet to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church...¹⁰BY THE GRACE OF GOD I am what I am...I labored more abundantly than they all yet not I but the grace of God which was with me**
- A. They aren't trying to be humble they're being honest-It's real to them
- III. **When things are going well there is a very real temptation to think it's you (If you think it's you, you'll leave The Lord; That's what Satan is after)- Nebuchadnezzar-Dn4:30-This great Babylon that I have built...by the might of MY POWER...³¹WHILE THE WORD WAS IN THE KING'S MOUTH...fell a voice from heaven...The kingdom is departed from you.³²...thy dwelling shall be with the beasts...eat grass as oxen...until you know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomsoever he will-Uzziah-2Ch26:6-Warred against Philistines...⁷God helped him against the Philistines...⁸built towers...¹⁰digged many wells...had much cattle...husbandmen...vinedressers...¹³army...mighty power...¹⁵engines invented...¹⁶WHEN HE WAS STRONG HIS HEART WAS LIFTED UP TO HIS DESTRUCTION...transgressed against the Lord...burn incense upon the altar...¹⁹...WHILE HE WAS WROTH WITH THE PRIESTS the leprosy even rose up in his forehead...²¹...leper unto...his death...cut off from the house of the Lord-Herod-Acts12:20-Tyre...Sidon...desired peace²¹...Arrayed in royal apparel sat upon his throne and made an oration unto them.²²...people gave a shout...It is the voice of a god...not of a man²³...IMMEDIATELY the angel of the Lord smote him because he gave not God the glory...eaten of worms**
- A. Start off humble and end up in pride-Be on guard-**1Sm15:17**-When you were little in your own sight...the Lord anointed you king over Israel-**2Ch26:5**-As long as he (Uzziah) sought the Lord God made him to prosper
- IV. **God gives us the ability (Didn't give it to ourselves)-1Pt4:10-AC-Each one of you has received a special gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously**

given by God], employ it in serving one another as good STEWARDS of God's multi-faceted grace-**1Tm1:12**-I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry

- A. Don't say, "I've just always been good this," credit God-1Co3:10-According to the grace of God which I given unto me as a wise master builder
- B. Don't get puffed up (you're superior) about ability you have-Ep3:7-I WAS MADE a minister, ACCORDING TO THE GIFT OF THE GRACE OF GOD GIVEN UNTO ME...⁸...who am less than the least of all saints, is this GRACE GIVEN that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ
- C. God's helping us more than we realize-Col1:29-Whereunto I labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily-**Ph2:13-Ne2:8**

v. **We don't glory in his presence-1Co1:26**-For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:²⁷God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;²⁸And base things of the world and things which are despised has God chosen...and things which are not to bring to nought things that are:²⁹That no flesh should glory in his presence

- A. Imagine a car telling his creator how great he is, acting like he made himself-Is29:16-Shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not?

VI. NOTES

- A. *⁶If a man abide not in me he is cast forth as a branch and is withered (dry) and men gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned*
- B. *Why did they say yes to you?—**Ne2:8**—And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me*
- C. ***Ph2:13**—For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure*
- D. *Saul won some battles and got big in his own sight*
- E. ***Zech4:6**—Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts*
- F. ***1Sam17:45**—Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel*
- G. *present in a favorable light and worthy of regard and acceptance*
- H. ***2Co1:12**—For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward*
- I. *Moses got in trouble over this—**Num20:10**—And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? ¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. ¹² And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.*
- J. *Moses—**Num20:10**—Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?¹¹...with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly...¹²Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land*
1. *ER—Hitting the rock it looked like he did it*
- K.

VII. There's nothing good in you-Rm7:18

A. Mt7:1-Judge not, that ye be not judged. ²For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. ³And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ⁴Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? ⁵Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

B. Pride is a corrector

VIII. It's one thing to hear these truths but to be humble is to believe these truths - Many hear them and nod their head, but don't believe them

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IX. NOTES-If You Think You Know Something

A. **TP**-Refuse to engage in debates with them concerning nothing more than opinions

- B. How can you not see the beam in your eye and the speck in another's- You have this special discernment/knowledge about other people, but not yourself-The enemy will show you people's faults too; Be cautious about what you believe The Lord is showing you for other people
- C. *Him that is weak in the faith receive ye but not to doubtful disputations*
- D. *⁴Who art you that judges another man's servant? to his own master he stands or falls. ¹³Let us not therefore judge one another anymore*
- E. **CEV**-Fools think they know what is best
- F. Constantly spewing out its mouth what other people should do
- G. **TP**-There's only one thing worse than a fool and that's the smug, conceited man always in love with his own opinions
- H. **Pr3:5**-Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths
- I. **Ec8:16-CEV**-Day and night I went without sleep, trying to understand what goes on in this world.¹⁷I saw everything God does and I realized no one can really understand what happens. We may be very wise but no matter how much we try or how much we claim to know, we cannot understand it all-**KJ**-Though a wise man THINK TO KNOW IT yet shall he not be able to find it
- J. **TL**-On this question everyone feels that ONLY HIS ANSWER IS THE RIGHT ONE

X. If You Think You Have Something-NOTES

- A. **Jn3:27**-A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven They see themselves as the reason why they have this stuff-Pride is built on lies and it deals with how you see yourself
- B. Jacob didn't return home strutting in pride because of what he had
- C. With all that power and wealth He didn't feel superior
- D. **-CEV**-What do you have that you were not given? And if it was given to you, how can you brag-**TP**-What do you have that grace has not given you? And if you received it as a gift why do you boast as though there is something special about you
- E. Pride is built on lies and it deals with how you see yourself-They see themselves as the reason why they have this stuff
- F. When you were little in your own sight-Who gave him the crown?

I. The heart of humility is "WHO AM I?" (I'm no better than anyone else)

- A. The heart of pride: I am not as other men-**Lk18:11**-The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself God I thank you that I am not as other men are extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican-**Is65:1**-I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name. ²I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts; ³A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my

face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; ⁴Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; ⁵Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

- B. **Ex3:11**-Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt-**Nm12:3**-The man of Moses was very meek above all the men which were upon the face of the earth-**1Sm18:18**-Who am I and what is my life or my father's family in Israel that I should be son in law to the king-**2Sm7:18**-Who am I O Lord GOD and what is my house that you hast brought me hitherto-**1Ch29:14**-Who am I and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort-**2Ch2:6**-Who am I then that I should build him an house
- C. **Who are you?**-**Rm14:4**-Who art thou that judges another man's servant-**Js4:12**-Who art thou that judges another-**Rm9:20**-Who art thou that replies against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?
- D. Job 38-41-Who are you
1. Job declared his righteousness-Jb9:21,27:5-6,10:7,32:1,33:9
 2. Job demanded to plead his case with God-Job13:3,18,22
 3. Job accused God of being unrighteous-Jb9:22-24,Jb34:5,34:9
 4. Job elevated himself above God-Jb32:2,35:2,Jb40:2
 5. Job was disrespectful-Jb33:7,34:17-19
 6. Pride-Jb33:12-13,34:12,34:37,35:5-8,37:24
 7. What do you know-Jb37:15-18, Jb38-41-64 Questions
 8. Humility-Jb42:1-6,40:4

II. My confidence and boldness is because of who I am in him

- A. This can look like pride-1Sm17

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- B. The danger of this is not just the nasty attitude it produces-Pride causes you to operate in a way that opens the door to the destroyer
- C. Gal6:1-5-Pride compares
- D. Solomon's Humility-1 Kings 3
- E. What is Pride and Humility
- F. God hates Pride
- G. What pride does? Signs of pride
- H. Real humility

- I. Clothed in Humility-Being clothed in humility everything that comes out of me comes through the filter of humility
- J. Job33:16-18
- K. It's not just the pride it's the way of life that pride produces
- L. Pride makes you susceptible to destruction and will keep you low
- M. Jer13:9-Thus saith the Lord, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem...And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity
- N. Dn5:20-But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him-Hos5:5-And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity-1Tm3:6-Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil-
- O. *Haughty-W18-Have a high opinion of one's self, with contempt for others*
- P. **ER**-A proud person will soon be ruined-**NLV**-The heart of a man is proud before he is destroyed, but having no pride goes before honor-**BBE**-Before destruction the heart of man is full of pride`

III. NOTES

- A. If a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of MEEKNESS (humility, **AC**-Without any sense of superiority); considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. (**TL**-Gently and humbly help him back onto the right path remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong.) ²Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.
- B. It's so engrained into our conversation that it's become unnoticeable
- C. **Mt15:26**-It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. ²⁷And she said, Truth, Lord...-
- D. **2Co12:6**-Though I would desire to glory (boast), I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he sees me to be or that he hears of me
- E. Rm1:25-Proud people decided what the truth was
- F. I'm the exception, the rules don't apply to me
- G. **Is3:16**-Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: ²⁴And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.
- H. **AC**-Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better

than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves]

- I. Humility-1.Low, not rising far from ground 2.Correct estimate of ourselves 3.Latin Word Humus-Ground, earth, soil, land, country; rather than living in the clouds in some fantasy world you come down to earth or reality
 - J. Humility produces gentleness-Who am I to be hard on another?-**Mt18**
 - K. Pride: 1.Despises 2.Deals in wrath 3.Given to strife 4.Judges-**Pr21:24**-Proud and haughty scorner [despiser] is his name who deals in proud wrath [anger, crossing over from peace]-**Pr13:10**-Only by pride cometh contention [quarrel, strife, debate, despise]-**MS**-Arrogant know-it-alls stir up discord-**Pr28:25**-He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife [contest, discord, brawler]-**Js4:12**-There is one lawgiver who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judges another?
 - L. Judging, despising, wrath, contention happens when we believe we're higher than others-Smarter, have it more together, more enlightened and the prouder you are the harsher you will be
 - M. Pride is hypocrite/pretender-**Mt7:1**-Judge not, that ye be not judged...³And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ⁵Thou hypocrite (pretender)...
 - N. **The more humble you are, the gentler you'll be, the more joy and peace you'll experience**-**Mt11:28**-Come unto me, all ye that labor [fatigue, weary with grief/burdens, strive] and are heavy laden [burden with spiritual anxiety, load up] and I will give you rest [Rest of mind, freedom from uneasiness, quiet, calm; peace, inner rest]. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek [gentle, mild] and lowly [humble] in heart: and **ye shall find rest** [inner tranquility] unto your souls; ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light
- 1. He was meek & lowly-Prince of Peace, anointed with the oil of gladness-**Is9:6**-Prince of Peace-**Hb1:9**-Anointed with the oil of gladness;
 - 2. Pride is a peace robber, a joy thief-The prouder you are, the harsher you will be and the less peace and joy you experience-**Pr29:23**-A man's pride shall bring him low (depress)
 - 3. Gentle and humble leads to peaceful and joyful-**Ps37:11**-Meek [humble, gentle] shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace-**Is29:19**-The meek shall increase their joy in the LORD-**Ps138:6**-Hath he respect unto the lowly but the proud he knows afar off-**Ps16:11**-In thy presence is fullness of joy-**Ph4:9**-God of peace shall be with you
 - 4. Wisdom from above is humble, peaceable gentle-**Js3:17**