

Humility Is the Doorway to Grace



1 Peter 5:5-10

- Review – Spiritual Principle of Grace – “God’s plan to empower my life.”
 - It is God’s plan for us to fulfill His will.
 - Purpose: to live a life of power.
 - Goal: to have a Biblical understanding of what grace is and how it works in our lives.
 - Objective: to rejoice and enjoy our salvation.
- Lesson #1 – “Defining Grace”
 - Grace – the empowering presence of God, enabling us to do everything He has created us to do, and enabling us to be everything He called us to be.
 - A. It is the unleashed power of God.
 - B. All the grace God gives me; He gives it to me for His purpose.
 - C. If you don’t understand the message of God’s grace, you will not be fruitful and grow.
 - Lesson #2 – Saved by Grace (Eph. 2:8-10).
 - A. When it comes to the concept of salvation it is far more than just being born again.
 - B. Before you were born, God had laid out a specific plan for your life, and he filled that plan with certain works that He wanted you to do (good works verses dead works).
 - C. When you talk about salvation, it is a three tense word (I was saved, I am being saved, and I shall be saved).
 - D. The devil wants to get you off course, off your assignment, because he knows that the power you have is in you accomplishing the will of God.

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- Just like Christians misunderstand grace, humility is also misunderstood.
- What does it mean to be humble?
- Humility is something you learn to do yourself.

- Micah 6:8 – “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”
 - If you are proud, God will resist you and cannot walk with you.
 - Amos 3:3 - “how can two walk together except they agree.”
 - What is the dictionary definition of humility?
 - Webster’s dictionary defines humble as poor, plain, and lowly.
 - Another definition of humble is to subdue, disgrace, humiliate, to make ashamed.
 - The biblical definition of humility means low laying or low profile.
 - The biblical definition of humility is to agree with God.
 - The worst kind of pride is false humility.
 - God is not a teaser or a flatterer. God only speaks the truth.
 - When Jacob had an encounter with the angel, God asked Jacob what his name was.
 - Jesus saw Himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life.
 - The bottom line is; whose report are you going to believe?
- How do we humble ourselves?
 1. By coming into agreement with God.
 - According to 1 Corinthians (3:11-15), our works will be tested by fire.
 - It is very important that you know what you have been called to do.
 2. By casting all our cares and problems on God.
 - The devil’s whole objective is to get us out of our assignments.
 - We must stay in our assignment, because the grace of God has been released.