

Theme: Our Heavenly Father is always working on our humility because it makes prayer necessary & moves us to action.

Texts: Jas 4:6 [We are facing worldliness] ...but He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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Introduction: Have you noticed there is so little prayer being initiated given the present conditions of the world?

Definition:

Humility=Honest and accurate knowledge of ourselves and God.

Humility=A fearless attitude about learning exactly what kind of person we are.

Humility=Consistent valuing of others.

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." C.S. Lewis

The 7 Characteristics of Biblical Humility:

1. Humility Requires Practice

1Pe 5:5b All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

2. Humility Requires a Valuing Of Others

Php 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

3. Humility Is a Foundation to Harmony

1Pe 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

4. Humility Brings Plentiful Grace

Jas 4:6 [Context: Facing worldliness] But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Ps 147:6 The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

5. Humility Makes to Real Learning Possible

Ps 25:9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

De 8:2 Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

6. Humility Brings Forth Godly Wisdom

Jas 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

Pr. 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

7. Humility Is a Condition For Hearing From God

Da 10:12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble (chasten, usually by fasting) yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

Our Challenge...

- Embrace the benefits of humility.
- Remember: Lack of prayer is a humility problem.
- Remember: God is always working on our humility.