

HUMILITY - THE PATH THAT BRINGS IN CHRIST

Philippians 2:5-8 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

SERVICE TO OTHERS IS THE REALM WHERE WE EXPERIENCE TRUE HUMILITY

1 Peter 5:5-9 “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud,” but “gives grace to the humble.” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

NOTE: “If we’re to “clothe ourselves in humility,” we have to know -(experience) something of God’s mighty hand on our behalf. In our effort to protect ourselves, **self driven pride kicks in**, then pride leads to turmoil, worry and sleepless nights. Peter points out how Satan uses these anxieties to work his way into our lives.” -(G.W.)

PRIDE - OPPOSITE OF HUMILITY

Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Proverbs 29:23 “A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.”

EXAMPLE OF SATAN

Isaiah 14:11-15 “Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you. How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of

the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.”

Philippians 2:19-23 “But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.”