

Week Seven

Humility: Bowing Low

Memory Verse:

Mark 10:43-45

Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Word For The Week

Humility

In the culture of Christ, humility is not something that a person possesses; humility is what we are called to do.

In the culture of Christ, if anyone wants to be first, you must be willing to be the servant of all by bringing up the rear.

In the culture of Christ, we take responsibility for what we seek and let God determine what we will be like.

In the culture of Christ, true humility comes from a place of strength and inner security.

Humility does not come by merely associating with humble people. Jesus says in Mark 8:34, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.”

A full appreciation for the sacrifice that Jesus made for me is what should prompt humility to grow within me. Read the passage from Philippians 2:5-11. Jesus' example of selfless sacrifice is an example worth emulating. He emptied himself, took on the form of a slave, became a man, humbled himself and became obedient unto death, a humiliating death on a cross. All this so he could lift me out of the clutches of the enemy and the pit of hell. Yes and Amen! Thank you Jesus! My soul cries out with thanksgiving for what you have accomplished on my behalf. As I comprehend what He has truly done for me, I am able to serve my husband, my children, my family, my friends, my co-workers, my fellow Christians and the less fortunate. I am supernaturally and lovingly compelled to meet the needs of the poor, lowly, widow, orphan, prisoner, and stranger. That is humility in action!

1 Peter 5:7 reads, "All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, for He cares for you."

"We can afford to focus our entire attention on meeting the need of others if we believe and have confidence that God will spare nothing of His infinite resources to meet ours."