

1 Tim 4:7-9, Philp 2:3
"Essentials - Humility"

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1. Introduction

a. Christian means "little Christ"

- person who lives like Jesus
- example
- personal responsibility to live like Jesus' example

b. Humble living

- humility means "bowing down"
- no place for earthly pride (pride in something you did not build or earn)

c. Philp 2:3 another word for earthly pride = vain glory

- practice lowliness of mind
- hold other people in higher value (esteem) than yourself
- earthly pride marked with strife &/or vain glory

* James 2:1-6 Giving more honor to rich man than poor man

* James 3:14-16 bitter envy, selfish seeking ambition, earthly, sensual

2. Godliness in Christian life

a. 1 Tim 4:7 exercise yourself to godliness

- refuse chasing sensational stories

b. 1 Tim 4:8 godliness profitable in all things

- promises in today's life
- promises in life to come

c. 1 Tim 4:8 Faithful saying

- worthy of all to receive (acceptance)

3. Humility more than good virtue

a. Humility is strict habit

- disciplined life

b. Humble ≠ low self esteem

Humble ≠ door mat behavior

Humble ≠ self worth (in God's image)

- seeing yourself in God's eyes

4. Three Lessons in Humility
- Starts before (in front of) God
 - bow down in prayer
 - Changes my thoughts
 - keep my life in proper view
 - Requires faith to believe God
 - Pride verses humility - Lk 18:9-14
 - 2 men praying
 - * self righteous Pharisee (religious leader)
 - * down beaten sinner (knew all his bad works & sins)
 - * God justified repenting sinner
5. Humble Yourself Before God
- Bow low before God
 - Stand up for other people
 - defend other who cannot defend themselves
 - Christian acts as "brother's keeper"
 - Stop praising yourself
 - let your life & works "speak" for themselves
 - Picture of I, I, I, I
pride
 - person full of themselves