

PRIDE AND HUMILITY

Jesus' humility

Paths to humility

'We all... beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image, from one degree of glory to another' (2 Cor 3:18)

Jesus humbly served in eternity past

³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility consider others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mind as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:3-11, NIV)

Jesus humbly served in his life & death

⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45).

Jesus humbly serves in eternity future¹

³⁵Stay dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. (Luke 12:35-37).



Discussion questions

What steps could you take to see the beauty of Jesus' humility more clearly? Which area of your life would you most like to see growth in persevering humble service?

¹ Luke 17:7-10, Luke 12:44