



Humility: The Path to Greatness

Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

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

1. Humility is the path to greatness. (Philippians 2:9)

Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV)

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- If you want to get to the top and stay there, humbly serve those above, below, and around you. (Proverbs 20:28)

Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility.

2. Humility is not a lack of confidence or a low opinion of self.

(1 Peter 5:5)

- Humility: Having a correct estimation of yourself.
- Humility: the Christ compelled calling to stoop down and serve others.
- Biblical humility is simply the opposite of selfishness and empty conceit. (Philippians 2:3)

3. Biblical humility flows out of your identity in Christ.

(Philippians 2:5)

- Humility is a decision to willingly and consistently place another person's needs ahead of your own.
- Humility is a result of knowing who you are and where you are headed. (John 13:1-5)
- Humility says I serve you as an act of worshipping Christ!

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- Humility looks past the clay to the potter.
- Humility says my rank is secondary to your need. (Philippians 2:6)