

August 30, 2020

“Transformed: Seeing Life Differently”

“Not About Me, But Him” Core 47

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”

Philippians 2:5-7

A. Humility is modeled by Jesus...

“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:3-11

1. Jesus modeled humility and called each of us to that virtue.

“God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.” Matthew 5:5

- a. Selfishness is an enemy to humility.
- b. Trying to impress others is an enemy to humility.
- c. Looking only to your own interests is an enemy to humility.

2. Jesus didn’t think of His position when serving.
“Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.”

3. Jesus gave up His privileges to serve.
“He gave up His divine privileges;”

4. Jesus took the position of a servant.

“He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.”

5. Jesus was obedient to His call and was completely human.

“He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.”

B. Humility is seen...

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.” - C.S. Lewis

1. Humility is seen when we give God credit.

“God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.... Therefore, as the Scriptures say, ‘If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.’”

1 Corinthians 1:28,31

2. Humility is seen when we recognize that all our gifts come from God.

“...What do you have that God hasn’t given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?” 1 Corinthians 4:7b

3. Humility is seen when we acknowledge that God is in control of all things.

“What you ought to say is, ‘If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.’” James 4:15

4. Humility is seen when we forgive one another.

“Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:12-13

5. Humility is seen when we serve one another.

“I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.” John 13:15

6. Humility is seen when we discover true greatness.

“But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.” Mark 10:43-44

C. Enemies to our humility...

“The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less.” - Tim Keller

1. Ego can keep us from humility. We think that the world must revolve around us and are full of ourselves.
2. Success can keep us from humility. We learn more from failure than success. Brokenness is often a time when we feel closest to God.
3. Forgetting our past and where we have come from can keep us from humility.

“But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.” 2 Peter 1:9

4. Our enemy, Satan, will seek to run us down or puff us up. Both of these aspects are hindrances to our humility. We just need to keep full reliance on God.

“even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.” 2 Corinthians 12:7

5. Blindness to ourselves will keep us from seeing ourselves accurately.

“Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.” Romans 12:3

“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.” James 1:22-24

D. So, what is keeping you from humility?

“For the Christian, humility is absolutely indispensable. Without it there can be no self-knowledge, no repentance, no faith and no salvation.” - AW Tozer

1. Do you need to humble yourself and ask for forgiveness?
2. Do you need to admit you were wrong?
3. Do you need to submit to authority in some manner?
4. Do you need to begin serving in some manner?
5. Do you need a greater self-awareness?
6. Do you need to be more conscious of others than yourself?
7. Do you need to become less self-focused and more God-focused?

“Humility is not a character trait to develop, it's the natural by-product of being with Jesus.” - Louie Giglio

“It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.” - Saint Augustine

“And He gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

James 4:6

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

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Next Week:

September 6: **“Transformed: Seeing Life Differently”**

“Not Fear, But Trust” Core 48