



“BEHOLD THE MAIDSERVANT OF THE
LORD! LET IT BE TO ME ACCORDING TO
YOUR WORD.” — LUKE 1:38

GENUINE HUMILITY

FEATURES OF HUMILITY

1. CONSIDERS NO ONE LOWER THAN HIMSELF

- THE HUMBLE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN RANKING OTHERS OR THEMSELVES
- RAISE OTHERS UP
- AN OLD SAYING: “A PSEUDO-LEADER ALWAYS LEAVES YOU WITH THE FEELING OF **THEIR** GREATNESS, WHILE AN AUTHENTIC LEADER ALWAYS LEAVES **YOU** WITH A FEELING OF YOUR GREATNESS.”
- “BEHOLD, I GIVE YOU THE AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY, AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU.” (Lk. 10:19)

2. HUMILITY INCREASES WITH SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- *“THE MORE THE SAINTS APPROACH GOD, THE MORE THEY SEES THEMSELVES AS SINNERS.” (DOROTHEUS OF GAZA)*
- FATHER ABRAHAM
 - *“INDEED NOW, I WHO AM BUT DUST AND ASHES HAVE TAKEN IT UPON MYSELF TO SPEAK TO THE LORD...” (GEN. 18:27)*
- ST. PETER
 - *“DEPART FROM ME, FOR I AM A SINFUL MAN, O LORD!” (LK. 5:8)*



3. DOES NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF WORTHY

- PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR
 - 'GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I AM NOT LIKE OTHER MEN—EXTORTIONERS, UNJUST, ADULTERERS, OR EVEN AS THIS TAX COLLECTOR. I FAST TWICE A WEEK; I GIVE TITHES OF ALL THAT I POSSESS.'
(Lk. 18:11-12)
- HEALING OF THE CENTURION'S SERVANT
 - THE CENTURION ANSWERED AND SAID, "LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD COME UNDER MY ROOF. BUT ONLY SPEAK A WORD, AND MY SERVANT WILL BE HEALED." (MATT. 8:8)



4. EVERYTHING ONE HAS IS RECEIVED FROM GOD

- “FOR HE WHO IS MIGHTY HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME, AND HOLY IS HIS NAME.” (LK. 1:49)
- OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE BEGINS WITH REALIZING OUR POVERTY
- “BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.” (MATT. 5:3)
- “FOR WHO MAKES YOU DIFFER FROM ANOTHER? AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU DID NOT RECEIVE? NOW IF YOU DID INDEED RECEIVE IT, WHY DO YOU BOAST AS IF YOU HAD NOT RECEIVED IT?” (1 COR. 4:7)

EXAMINING HUMILITY

1. WHEN YOU ARE BEING PRAISED/CELEBRATED

- BOASTFUL OR TAKES THE CREDIT
- CONSCIOUS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO CAUSED THE SUCCESS
- KING HEROD ANTIPAS I
 - “SO ON A SET DAY HEROD, ARRAYED IN ROYAL APPAREL, SAT ON HIS THRONE AND GAVE AN ORATION TO THEM. AND THE PEOPLE KEPT SHOUTING, ‘THE VOICE OF A GOD AND NOT OF A MAN!’ THEN IMMEDIATELY AN ANGEL OF THE LORD STRUCK HIM, BECAUSE HE DID NOT GIVE GLORY TO GOD.” (ACTS 12:21-23)

2. WHEN YOU ARE BEING CRITICIZED

- WELCOME FEEDBACK, ABLE TO HONESTLY LOOK AT YOURSELF
- RESIST, DEFEND, AND/OR PUSH BACK
- EX: DAVID
 - “I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD.”
(2 SAM. 12:13)



3. ENGAGEMENT IN COMPETITION

- RESPECT OPPONENT; SEE COMPETITION AS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE
- RUTHLESS AND DISRESPECTFUL
- EX: THE DISCIPLES
 - “NOW THERE WAS ALSO A DISPUTE AMONG THEM, AS TO WHICH OF THEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE GREATEST.” (Lk. 22:24)
 - “... HE WHO IS GREATEST AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE AS THE YOUNGER, AND HE WHO GOVERNS AS HE WHO SERVES. FOR WHO IS GREATER, HE WHO SITS AT THE TABLE, OR HE WHO SERVES? IS IT NOT HE WHO SITS AT THE TABLE? YET I AM AMONG YOU AS THE ONE WHO SERVES.” (Lk. 22:26-27)



4. WHEN GIVEN AUTHORITY

- RESPECT HIERARCHY
 - GRACEFUL (“LOWER”) AND RESPECTFUL (“HIGHER”)
 - EX: KING REHOBOAM
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- HOW COMFORTABLE ARE YOU WITH POWER, IN YOURSELF OR OTHERS?



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- ***“HUMILITY IS THE HOME OF DIVINITY; GOD WILL ABIDE IN IT WHEREVER IT IS!” (ST. JACOB OF SERUGH)***