

What does the Word of God teach us about humility?

Mark 9:35: "Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

1Peter 5:6-7: "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

Colossians 3:12-13: "Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."

Philippians 2:3-4: "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

How is that accomplished?

Matthew 11:29: "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." What's more?

1Peter 5:5: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Am I committed and faithful to humbly wear the Lord's yoke, even through living in a world of lustful pride?



How does God define how to live with a humble heart?

Matthew 18:1-4: "At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

1Corinthians 1:27-29: "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."

Proverbs 16:18: "Pride *goes* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Proverbs 18:12: "Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor *is* humility."

Luke 14:11: "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Considering the path of humility Christ taught us, am I truly following Him with a humble heart in rejecting the pride of life of the world?

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom." James 3:13

How does the Word of God define true authentic humility?

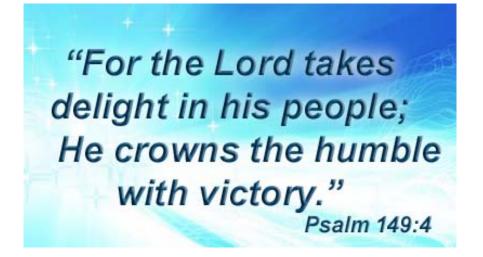
Philippians 2:5-7: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men."

Colossians 3:12-13: "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."

Romans 12:3: "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."

Ephesians 4:1-3: "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Is my heart focused on humbly living with the mind of Christ, and to think soberly and live to the glory of God through Christ Jesus?



What can we expect from the Lord if we walk in authentic humility in accordance to His Word?

Isaiah 57:15: "The high and lofty One who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts."

Matthew 5:3-5: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

James 4:10: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Therefore:

Matthew 18:4: "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Psalm 37:4: "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

Is God the focus of my life, so I live in authentic humility to follow Christ as Lord of my life?