

***“He has shown you, O man,  
what is good; and what  
does the LORD require of  
you but to do justly, to love  
mercy, and to walk humbly  
with your God?”***

*Micah 6:8*

As believers in Christ, how are we enjoined to live humbly to the glory of God?

Philippians 2:5-8: “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. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Therefore:


Jeremiah 9:23-24: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

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.”

1Peter 3:8: “Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.”

Do I understand that God resists the proud, so that I must live humbly to the glory of God?

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***“Blessed are the poor in  
spirit, for theirs is  
the kingdom of heaven.”***

***Matthew 5:3***

Why does God require that we live humbly in this life?

Ephesians 2:8-9: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Mark 10:45: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Luke 14:11: “For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Therefore:

James 4:6: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Proverbs 29:23: “A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.”

How did Jesus enjoin us to live humbly?

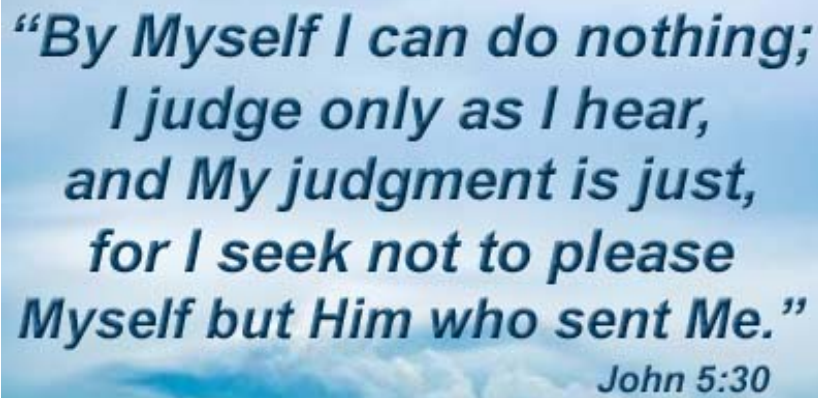
Matthew 11:29: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

God’s ultimate purpose being:

Philippians 2:10-11: “That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Do I take pride in my accomplishments, or am I rather thankful to God for giving me the talents and abilities for that purpose?

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***“By Myself I can do nothing;  
I judge only as I hear,  
and My judgment is just,  
for I seek not to please  
Myself but Him who sent Me.”***  
*John 5:30*

What is God’s purpose for our life in requiring that we live humbly?

Isaiah 57:15: “For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

1Corinthians 1:28-29: “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.”

Psalm 149:4: “For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.”

Psalm 25:9: “He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.”

2Corinthians 12:9: “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore:

2Chronicles 7:14: “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

And as Jesus clearly said:

Mark 9:35: “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”

Am I focused on following Christ in all humility, so as to live to the glory of God?

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***“Do nothing out of selfish  
ambition or vain conceit.  
Rather, in humility value  
others above yourselves.”***

*Philippians 2:3*

How must we live to abide in Christ with a humble heart?

Ephesians 4:1-3: “I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

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.”

Romans 12:16: “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.”

Romans 12:2: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

In short:

Colossians 3:2: “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

How steadfast am I to follow Christ, so that I live humbly, just as He clearly taught us through His life?

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***“Pride goes before destruction,  
a haughty spirit before a fall.  
Better to be lowly in spirit  
along with the oppressed  
than to share plunder  
with the proud.”***

***Proverbs 16:18-19***

What are the traps that we must beware of and strive to avoid?

1Corinthians 3:18-20: “Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their *own* craftiness”; and again, “The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

What’s more?

1Timothy 6:3-5: “If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. From such withdraw yourself.”

Therefore:

Matthew 23:11-12: “He who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Why?

1John 2:6: “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

Do I walk humbly before the Lord, so I abide in Him and He in me?

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