



How things fit together in the Kingdom

False Humility

Humility is a key characteristic of mature sons. This is something that requires the fire of Father's correction to be able to properly walk in.¹ Humility cannot be acquired passively from reading the Bible or from living an austere lifestyle. It only comes from the work of the Spirit in our hearts to break off pride, self-centredness and arrogance. It also requires the ability to control the hold our base nature² over us.

Living the Christian life can make us more humble, but from my time in Christianity I found that it can produce gentleness, weakness and passivity, which some equate with humility. True, there are humble Christians, but the humility that Jesus¹ had doesn't match that, in the main.

Genuine Humility

There is some teaching on humility in the scriptures which comes under the New Covenant (NC). For example:

- We're not to live with a lofty mind-set, thinking we're too important to serve others, but we're to be willing to do menial tasks and identify with those who are humble minded³.ⁱⁱ
- We're to live happily together in a spirit of harmony, and to be as mindful of other's worth as we are of your own. That takes humility to achieve.ⁱⁱⁱ
- We aren't to be smug or even think for a moment that we know it all.^{iv}
- Father resists us when we're proud but continually pours out grace when we're humble.^v
- If we are truly humble in the eyes of the members of the Trinity, we will be elevated by them and released to more advanced positions in their planning.^{vi}
- As sons, we should highly develop humility, compassion, kindness, gentleness and longsuffering⁴ in our lives.^{vii}
- When we correct others through a position of oversight, it must be done with humility.^{viii}
- The operation of overseers is to be peaceable, gentle, humble before everyone, and without speaking evil of any other person.^{ix}

Paul functioned for the Kingdom in humility, according to his self-assessment.^x He even considered that he would be humbled by crying in front of the Corinthian believers when he confronted their sin and lack of repentance.^{xi} This act was very humbling because of his status as an Apostle, because crying in public was something more common with the weeping of women. In other words, out of humility, he wouldn't be afraid to weep like a woman in front of the men which would be a huge personal embarrassment for a man in those days.

1 – READ: The 'Hell' section in "16-Shattering Some Dogma" [p:2-3]
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/INVESTIGATION-What-is-Salvation16.pdf

2 – "The Flesh: Our Human Base Nature"
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/The-Flesh-Our-Human-Base-Nature.pdf

3 – NOTE: Since the Greek text is ambiguous and can mean either "be willing to do menial tasks" or "associate with the lowly," this translation incorporates both. The Berkeley Translation renders this "adjust yourselves to humble situations."
www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+12%3A16&version=TPT#en-TPT-9583

4 – Being unoffendably patient with others.

False Humility

Although the Bible teaches us to be humble, it doesn't clearly explain what it looks like. That's why false humility can easily be the result. However, we do have this clear guidance about pride:

“God has given me grace to speak a warning about pride. I would ask each of you to be emptied of self-promotion and not create a false image of your importance. Instead, honestly assess your worth by using your God-given faith as the standard of measurement, and then you will see your true value with an appropriate self-esteem.” ^{xii}

How do we know when we're humble, and not in some level of pride? You see, in the Kingdom, when personal characteristics manifest in people, it's the Spirit who identifies it as correctly fitting our sonship or exposes it as a fake. We always need the discernment of the Spirit to show us what anything should look like, as far as Heaven is concerned.

Too often people equate humility with weakness. That's a lie of the enemy. Jesus of Nazareth was definitely humble, but he wasn't weak. True, he did become weak so the Romans and Jews could torture and kill him, but he allowed them to do it, when he could have wiped them all off the face of the Earth. ^{xiii} The Apostles were humble, ^{xiv} but they weren't weak. This same fearless humility is what's required today among *ekklēsia* overseers and elders, rather than the pusillanimous leaders TV portrays them to be.

To help you get a grip on what false humility can look like, let me give you a picture. I can vividly see in my mind, a servant in a British drama or comedy movie that I saw many, many years ago. He'd walk around with his head bowed, hands clasped in front of him, saying, "I'm humble. So very humble". This is an exaggerated picture of false humility. False humility are actions and speech which try to demonstrate humility so that others are impressed. This activity originates in a person's desires and their mind, while their heart is not truly humble in the way our King expects it to be.

Paul warns that we are not to succumb to false humility, ^{xv} which he places alongside other non-Kingdom (unrighteous) activities such as the worship of angels, vanity and pride, all of which originate in our base nature. He also includes false humility alongside a list of things which have the appearance of wisdom which aren't. ^{xvi} Those in the list include self-imposed religion and neglect of our bodies, which, like false humility, have no value and only indulge our base nature.

Charles Spurgeon preached on false humility back in the **1800s**. Here's the introduction from one of them:

“I do hate, of all things, that humility which lives in the face.

There are some persons who always seem to be so very humble when you are with them, but you can discover there is something underneath it all, and when they are in some other society, they will brag and say how you told them your whole heart. Take heed of the men who allow you to lay your head in their lap and betray you into the hands of the Philistines.

There is a kind of oil, sanctimonious⁵, proud humility, which is not the genuine article, though it is sometimes extremely like it. You may be deceived by it once or twice, but by-and-bye you discover that is a wolf dexterously covered with sheep's clothing. It arrays itself in the simplest dress in the world; it talks in the gentlest and humblest style; it says, “We must not intrude our own peculiar sentiments, but must always walk in love and charity.” But after all, what is it? It is charitable⁶ to all except those who hold God's truth, and it is humble to all when it is forced to humble.

True humility does not continually talk about “dust and ashes,” and prate⁷ about its infirmities⁸, but it feels all that which others say, for it possesses an inwrought⁹ feeling of its own nothingness.

Very likely the most humble man in the world won't bend to anybody. John Knox¹⁰ was a truly humble

5 – MEANING: hypocritically pious or devout www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sanctimonious

6 – MEANING: full of love for and goodwill toward others www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/charitable

7 – MEANING: to talk long and idly, to chatter (prattle) www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/prate

8 – MEANING: personal failings www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/infirmities

9 – MEANING: worked out on the inside (archaic)

10 – John Knox (1514-1572) was a Scottish minister, theologian, and writer who was a leader of the country's Reformation. He was the founder of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Knox

man, yet if you had seen him march before Queen Mary with the Bible in his hand, to reprove her; you would have rashly said, “What a proud man!”

Cringing¹¹ men that bow before everybody, are truly proud men; but humble men are those who think themselves so little, they do not think it worth while to stoop to serve themselves. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were humble men, for they did not think their lives were worth enough to save them by a sin. Daniel was a humble man; he did not think his place, his station, his whole self, worth enough to save them by leaving off prayer.

Humility is a thing which must be genuine; the imitation of it is the nearest thing in the world to pride.”¹²

Examples of False Humility

False humility can be very hard to identify. So what are some examples of false humility so we know what not to do?

Example #1: You offer the last piece of cake to those around you, while all the time wanting it for yourself and hoping no one else takes it.

Example #2: You organise a fellowship meal and movie night for a group of friends which they are ‘over the moon’ about. As they leave, each person thanks you, but the last person adds what a wonderful job you did. They say, “You’re a great organiser. Thankyou.” You reply, “It wasn’t me, it was all Jesus”.

I’m guilty of the second example, through the instructions given to me by the Pentecostal pastor I had back then. I didn’t know at the time it was false humility, because I had no idea of what genuine humility looked like. I hadn’t experienced it for myself and there was no one around who was modelling it for me.

The proper response in example #2 should have been, “Thanks! I’m pleased you liked the evening’s activities”. That’s the correct response because it was the organiser who put in all the effort and the work to make it happen. True, our King would have been behind the person, working in the background to make it successful, but it was the organiser’s energy and mental processes that carried out the preparations. Following the departure of the guests, the person would then give our Sovereign King the acknowledgement and thanks for his invaluable input. That’s how the Kingdom works: The Kingdom supplies, we use it, and we then pass it on to others – or to our King in this case.

You see, humility is all about the heart. False humility may deceive others, but not the Trinity who always assesses our heart. If we’re in an intimate relationship with them, then we should be living transparently with them and with our Kingdom brothers and sisters. False humility should fade away under these conditions.

A mentality of works and effort – that’s religion – is counter-productive to walking in genuine humility. Here’s an instance of someone realising that:

“The Church Age has taught us to live in a counterfeit reality of what [Jesus] accomplished on the cross. We are too scared to engage with the truth because we know it will offend us. I asked [Father] to offend me because I was so irritated with my life. I was a good Christian. I read my Bible every day. I could tick all the boxes, but I did it by works and effort instead of a relationship. Walking as a son was never meant to be done by works and effort, but by living a surrendered life, realising the price that was paid for us to come in and step through.”¹³

11 – MEANING: to shrink in fear or servility www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cringing

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Examples of True Humility

What does genuine humility look like?

From my training by Father, here's a few instances of acting in the type of humility that he approves of. In each of these, the heart is right:

- When you get given a set of keys belonging to your employer's business, you don't feel important
- It's not an issue if you aren't recognised for the generous work that you do
- There's no problem if you don't get the important seat at a meeting which is rightfully yours
- Not telling people what to do all the time
- Not trying to solve everyone's problems
- Sit in a group and not speak until it's necessary
- Listening, more than giving your opinion
- Not interjecting in conversations
- Not wanting status above the status which comes to you
- Not thinking you have it 'all together'
- Not thinking you've 'made it'
- Not 'big noting' yourself
- Not wanting to be important, but accepting importance when you are placed there
- Not afraid to be embarrassed
- Not afraid of the truth that will discredit you
- Not defending and justifying yourself, but letting the King do both for you, unless the Spirit says to speak
- Allowing others to take centre stage without feeling left out or undervalued
- Not looking to be thanked, but appreciate being thanked for a job well done
- Not desiring praise, but receiving praise when it's due, all the while praising others when it's appropriate
- Not offering false praise
- Being comfortable in who you are
- Being at peace with the world, people and circumstances
- Not wanting to be in control, but controlling what needs to be controlled when control is needed
- Not using manipulation in any form or level to get your way

Conclusion

From the spiritual perspective: Firstly, genuine humility is all about the heart – the attitudes in a person's heart. That's why a constant check on our heart will help us navigate through all the temptations to display false humility.

Secondly, humility is additional to the fruit of the Spirit^{xvii}. That means it's not displayed because of the presence of the Spirit in our lives. We actually have to work on humility. The Spirit can make a great deal of change inside us to enable humility to manifest, but we must actively work against pride and submit to being humbled.

We know pride has no place in the Kingdom,^{xviii} in fact, it's activity resisted.^{xix} But what's humility like from a **KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE**? In a word, it's greatly valued.

Here's how that was shown to Rick Joyner during one of his his visitations to Heaven which he recorded in 'The Final Quest' in 1996. He was wearing the Cloak of Humility when he interacted with an angel:

"As I began to walk past these angels, they bowed on one knee and showed me great respect. I finally asked one of them why they did this, as even the smallest was much more powerful than I was. "Because of the mantle," he replied. "That is the highest rank in the kingdom."

"This is just a plain mantle," I protested.

"No!" the angel insisted. "You are clothed in the grace of God. There is no greater power than that!"

"But there are thousands of us all wearing the same mantle. How could it represent rank?" I asked.

"You are the dreaded champions, the sons and daughters of the King. He wore the same mantle when He walked on this earth. As long as you are clothed in that, there is no power in heaven or on earth that can stand before you. Everyone in heaven and hell recognizes that mantle. We are indeed His servants, but He abides in you, and you are clothed in His grace."

Somehow I knew that if I had not been wearing the mantle, and if my glorious armor had been exposed, the angel's statements and behavior toward me would have fed my pride. It was simply impossible to feel prideful or arrogant while wearing such a drab, plain cloak. However, my confidence in the mantle was growing fast." ¹⁴

Notice that humility has the "highest rank in the Kingdom".

Being humble is so important in our lives as sons that Rick was given information to prepare us for the times we are moving into where we are being trained to display Kingdom Glory to the world. Here's what he was shown for us as a warning:

"I then looked out over the carnage below and the slowly retreating demonic army. Behind me, more of the glorious warriors were constantly taking their places on the mountain. I knew that we were now strong enough to attack and destroy what was left of this enemy horde. "Not yet," said Wisdom. "Look over there."

I looked in the direction he was pointing, but had to shield my eyes from the glory emanating from my own armor to see anything. Then I caught a glimpse of some movement in a small valley. I could not make out what I was seeing because the glory shining from my armor made it difficult to see into the darkness. I asked Wisdom if there was something that I could cover my armor with so I could see. He then gave me a very plain mantle to put on.

"What is this?" I inquired, a little insulted by its drabness.

"Humility," said Wisdom. "You will not be able to see very well without it."

Reluctantly I put it on, and immediately I saw many things that I could not see before. I looked toward the valley and the movement I had seen. To my astonishment, there was an entire division of the enemy horde that was waiting to ambush anyone who ventured from the mountain.

"What army is that?" I asked, "and how did they escape the battle intact?"

"That is Pride," explained Wisdom. "It is the hardest enemy to see after you have been in the glory. Those who refuse to put on this cloak will suffer much at the hands of that most devious enemy." As I looked back at the mountain, I saw many of the glorious warriors crossing the plain to attack the remnant of the enemy horde. None of them were wearing the cloaks of humility, and they had not seen the enemy that was ready to attack them from their rear. I started to run out to stop them, but Wisdom restrained me.

"You cannot stop this," he said. "Only the soldiers who wear this cloak will recognize your authority." ¹⁵

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