

Learning Humility

Humility is a highly honoured characteristic in Heaven, so it should be the same among Father's sons on Earth.¹

In regard to humility, Father has already given us an important instruction:

*"Your service to me will only be genuine in humility."*²

So, how do we become humble? As it's not a normal character among people (even sons), we must get it or develop it somehow.

One way is to train yourself to be humble, but that's a religious practice, not a Kingdom one. So, if training yourself in humility is not the Kingdom way, what is?

Firstly, all changes in our character are most effectively accomplished when the work is done inside of us so they manifest in our behaviour – i.e. from the inside-out.

Secondly, to assist our development of humility, one of our self-assessments³ should be looking for instances when we're not acting or speaking with humility. That will alert us that more humility is needed.

Thirdly, our trials and difficulties in life are the training ground for humility, just as they are for all character changes. As Father recently said:

*"Mistakes are vital to your learning process as well as your sense of humility."*⁴

This is an important time to remind my readers of two keys in understanding character change:

- Becoming more the person Father wants us to become will involve process, process, process.
- To make rapid progress in our character changes, we must enjoy the processes.

So, learning to become humble is something best left in Father's hands. Our part is to invite him to change us and to work with him on that process, so we become more humble, his way. From my experience that's how it takes place most effectively. I tried changing myself in the distant past, but it only made me legalistic and not nice to be around. Back then, I definitely wasn't a good representation of Father's heart to everyone I came in contact with.

EXAMPLES Here are some processes which you could submit to in your activity of humility training:

1. You take the initiative at work and receive the ire of the manager, but you don't defend or justify yourself. You leave the King to be your justifier and defender.
2. You do the wrong thing, so you face up to the consequences. You leave the King to be your justifier and defender.
3. You forgive those who work against you to destroy you.

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