

## HUMILITY

- I. 1 Cor 1:26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.  
27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;  
28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,  
29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.
- A. “For you see your **CALLING...**”
1. This word calling is actually **referring to your ministry**
    - a. God has Graced, Gifted & Anointed every Born Again Spirit Filled believer for some realm of the “work of the ministry”
  2. Note the **disqualifications** for those whom God uses for His glory vs 26:
    - a. not the wise
    - b. not the mighty / or the strong
    - c. not the noble / well born / high society
  3. Then we discover the **qualifications** for those called of God to be used for His glory: vs 27 & 28
    - a. **Foolish** things
      - (1) speaking of those who are not know it all’s & have it all together
    - b. **Weak** things
      - (1) not dependant upon self & our own strength
      - (2) 2 Cor 12:10 For when I am weak, then I am strong.
    - c. **Base** things :
      - (1) ignoble, without kin
    - d. **Despised** things
      - (1) the rejected of this world / taken for granted
    - e. **Things which are not**
      - (1) the nobodies of this world
  4. Then we discover why God has such qualifications:
    - a. vs 29 **“..that no flesh should glory in His presence”**
- B. The “spirit of the world” only recognizes **greatness**:
1. But God recognizes humility / one with a servants heart:
    - a. Luke 22:24 Now there was also a **dispute** among them, as to which of them should be **considered the greatest**.

25 And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.'

26 But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

27 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.

(1) without question **Jesus was & is the GREATEST** among mankind

(a) yet society rejected Him

(b) religious leaders refused to recognize Him

(2) Jesus / The Greatest among mankind literally gave us an example of a servants heart / humble heart

(a) vs 26 Yet I am among you as the One who serves”

### C. We see so much of the opposite taking place today in the church:

1. We see believers receive a prophesy of their calling:

a. and now they are ruined

(1) they still have not done anything, all they have is a prophecy

(2) and now they know more than the pastor

(3) and you cannot teach them a thing

2. We see Pastors whom churches have been blessed with growth:

a. and their sheep cannot even get a chance to be around them or talk to their pastor

3. We worship some travelling & TV ministries setting them on a pedestal

a. forgetting they are just to be the vessel / servant

b. they did not die for our sins

4. We see ministries hung up on their titles.....

a. and using their titles to elevate themselves above the body of Christ when the bible gives the exact opposite view of title:

(1) 1 Cor 4:9 For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, **last**, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

10 We are fools for Christ's sake,

5. I understand we are to give the proper honor & respect to people

a. but no matter how high God may take us, we are to remain humble

b. The bible teaches us a few things we are to put on in the spirit realm & wear thru life & ministry in:

(1) Col 3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, **humility**, meekness, longsuffering;

II. **David is a great example of humility**: As you study scripture you will find That David's calling & anointing enabled him to function as a **PROPHET, PRIEST & KING**

A. 1 Chron 15:25 So David, the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

26 And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams.

27 David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites (note: priests) who bore the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah the music master with the singers. David also wore a **linen ephod**. (note: garment of a priest)

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps.

29 And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.

1. David is known as the greatest King Israel ever had:
2. Yet when David came into the presence of The Lord
3. He laid aside his kingly title & position & he took off his kingly garment (vs 27)
  - a. and stripped down to the linen ephod / or priestly garment that he wore underneath
  - b. and had no shame in praising His God in song & dance...even though King of Israel

B. The Bible teaches that "IN Christ" the Born Again believer has been made **A King & Priest**"

1. 1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a **holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
  - a. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a **royal (kingly) priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
    - (1) That means that as Believers we are going to have to learn & discern when It is the proper time to wear the kingly garments in the spirit realm
    - (2) and like King David, when it is time to strip down to our priestly garments and lift our hands, open our mouth to praise & worship God

and dance before The Lord, or wave a flag in honor of the King of King and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ

- b. how many believers have failed to develop humility and now are unable to discern when to wear the garments of a king & when to wear the garments of a priest
  - (1) not knowing when to humble themselves in praise & worship
  - (2) nor knowing how to be humble when ministering to another person

## B. Jesus understood this spiritual principle called Humility

Jesus discerned what garments to wear at the proper time:

- 1. John 13:3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,
  - 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.
  - 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.
- a. Jesus knew who He was, and did not need to praises & recognition of man
  - (1) “Jesus, knowing the Father had given all things into His hands”
- b. Yet Jesus arose and “**laid aside His garments**”
  - (1) in these bible times, the clothing you wore & even at times the color of your clothing identified you, as to who you were & what you did
  - (2) Jesus constantly wore the Garments of a “**RABBI**”, that is one of the Reasons people recognized & called Jesus Master, Teacher, Rabboni
- c. But Jesus Humble Himself as He laid aside His garments of a Rabbi, and dressed Himself in a **TOWEL OF A SERVANT**, and washed His disciples feet
- 2. **Have you learned to humble yourself** by taking off your Kingly Garments & put on a towel of a servant and
  - a. take the time to minister to someone else
  - b. take the time to volunteer and serve in some capacity of ministry

## III. One of the keys to being used for the glory of God & becoming great in the Kingdom of God is: **HUMILITY**

- A. Num 12:3 (Now the man **Moses was very humble**, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)
  - 1. In his day, Moses was the most humble person on the face of the earth
    - a. and God mightily used him for His glory
  - 2. The world mistake meekness for weakness
    - a. But when God see meekness, humility in an individual, He will use that

Person for His glory

- (1) Because that person will give all the credit of what s done in & thru their life and ministry to The Lord God Almighty

B. To many people, including some Christians have the **Satan Syndrome**, you might ask what is the Satan Syndrome: it is being **HUNG UP ON SLEF**

1. Isa 14:13 For you have said in your heart: '**I** will ascend into heaven, **I** will exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I** will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;  
14 **I** will ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I** will be like the Most High.'
- a. This passage of scripture & also Ezek 28: 13-17 are referring to Lucifer, the devil before his fall in rebellion
- b. Lucifer was beautiful, in his very being were musical instruments, and he also Led heavens choir / he was the Praise & Worship Leader
- c. But instead of remain humble, he let pride fill his head:
- d. All Lucifer could do was talk about himself:
  - (1) five times in vs 13 & 14 we find the word "**I**"
  - (2) Lucifer was all puffed up, hung up on self
  - (3) He thought his position, beauty, gifting & anointing was all about him
  - (4) And the results are found in Isa 14:15
    - (a) "Yet you shall be brought down to Shoel, to the lowest depths of the Pit"

C. **Pride & Humility have two different destinations**"

1. Pride will take you down to the pit, as it did Lucifer
2. But, Humility will cause you to be Blessed of The Lord
  - a. James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

V. Did you know that the **key to revival is HUMILITY**?

- A. 2 Chron 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.
1. Bending our knee in prayer, seeking the face of God in prayer is one of the greatest acts of humility a human being can do
    - a. God so honors this act of humility that He loads it with the promise of revival, Forgiveness of sin, healing the land

- (1) There is only one way America can remain the greatest nation on earth:
- (a) By humbling ourselves in prayer, repenting of our sin & calling out to God thru the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

IV. **Take a look at your own heart:** is it humble? Or filled with pride?

- A. Have you been saved / Born Again...r are you too proud to surrender to Jesus
  1. Do you have liberty and freedom in your expressions of praise & worship unto God
    - a. or has the traditions of man...which are filled with pride...hold you back from humbling yourself before The Lord
  2. Are you able to discern when it is time to wear the Garment of a King, and Move in that spiritual authority
    - a. and at the same time able to humble yourself and put on a towel of a servant
      - (1) and take the time to minister to someone in need
      - (2) or serve in some capacity of ministry