

WE ARE CALLED TO HUMBLE OURSELVES TO BE SERVANTS OF GOD AND OTHERS

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Readings: *Phil 2:5-8, Gal 5:13,14, Mat 20:20-28, 2Cor 4:5, Jn 13:4-17, 1Pet 5:5,6, Lk 22:24-27, Mat 18:3,4, 2Cor 4:5, Eph 5:21, Mat 5:3, Gal 6:10, 2Chron 7:14.*

Explain the Scriptures of Mat 20:20-28, and Jn 13:3-17, and others that are alive to you.

“Humility” is knowing our calling, gifts, ministry, choosing to take the place of a servant to God and others by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

1. **Jesus is our example of humility and servanthood, Phil 2:5-8.**
 v5 **Think like Jesus** and have His attitude.
 v6 **Jesus had/has a secure identity** of who He was/is and knew His calling and purpose, the gifts given to Him by God and the work of His ministry.
 v7 **He chose to make Himself of no reputation**, take the place of a **servant**, and come in the likeness of men. He laid aside the splendour of being God and became Joseph and Mary’s Son, the carpenter of Nazareth, *Mk 6:3, Mat 13:55*. No one recognised Him as God come as a man, except by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.
 v8 And being as a man, **He humbled Himself unto obedience, even the death of the cross.**
2. **God commands us to do the same**, and be servants to Him and to people. *Phil 2:5-8, 1Pet 5:5,6, Jn 13:14.*
3. Other Scriptures: *Is 66:1,2, Mic 6:8, Mat 11:28-30, Zech 9:9, 2Chron 7:14.*
4. *Mat 18:3,4.* **Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of God?** No one can enter God’s kingdom unless they are converted and humble themselves as a little child. And whoever humbles himself as a little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of God. We can all do this and be the greatest we can be in God’s kingdom.
5. **To grow up in God you have to grow down in man’s ways.**
Lk 18:9-14 – the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.
 The Pharisee boasted of his own righteousness and despised the Tax Collector. Because of his pride, God did not listen to a word of his prayer.
 The Tax Collector humbled himself to confess his sins and ask God for mercy. God heard every word he said and answered his cry. He went from the temple, right with God.
 Whoever lifts themselves up will be brought down, but whoever humbles themselves will be lifted up.
6. **God gives us authority, calling, gifts, ministry, purpose** to be: (as servants to others)
 - **witnesses unto Him** and to share the Gospel of Salvation with the lost, *2Cor 5:18, Ac 1:8, Ac 22:14,15.*
 - **father/mother** to raise up godly children, *Mal 2:14, Ps 78:5-7, Deut 6:7,8.*
 - church members to build the Body of Christ, the church, *Gal 5:13,14, Rom 12:3-8, 1Cor 12:7-11,28, Eph 4:11, 6:18* by fellowship and discipleship, then we can reach out and help others in love.
 - **worshippers of God**, *Col 3:17, Jn 4:23, 1Cor 14:2, Eph 5:18, Col 3:22-24, Ps 150, Ps 100.*
 - **caregivers** for the poor and needy, hungry, thirsty, lonely, old people, sick, imprisoned, naked and homeless, *Mat 25:35,36. Lk 10:29-37* is Jesus story of the **Good Samaritan** and is a message of humbling ourselves to serve others in love **who may be our enemies**. The Jews despised the Samaritans and avoided them. However the Good Samaritan forgave the Jew and cared for him in many ways. Explain these. (eg. time, oil, wine, bandages, clothes, riding on the ass, money, at the Inn, extra money.)
 - **members of society** to pray for and work for good government, *2Sam 23:3, Rom 13:1-7, 1Tim 2:1-4.*
 - **husband** to serve wife, *Eph 5:25-28*, **wife** to serve husband, *Eph 5:22-24*. Husband serves first!
 - **prayer warrior** for intercession, *Eph 6:18-20, 1Thes 5:17, Col 4:2-4, Jude 20, Lk 18:1-8.*
 - **workers with our hands and minds**, to support our family and others, *Col 3:22-24, 2Thes 3:10.*
7. One of the main ways to serve others, is to serve them with mercy, and to **forgive** their sins against us. **Forgive** as Jesus said to, *Mk 11:25,26*, **release them from condemning judgment**, *Mat 7:1,2, Rom 2:1,2*, **give the problem to God** to solve and resolve, *1Pet 5:7, Ps 55:22*, and pray the blessing of God upon them, *Lk 6:27,28*, (pray *Col 1:9* or *Ac 26:18* as appropriate).
8. **Give many examples** from your own experience of how to serve God and others in love. This will bring meaning and life to your message. Apologising to an offended person. Total surrender to God. Visiting in prison. Carrying tracts and witnessing to the lost. Don’t judge your wife, pray and bless her.