

Jesus is our example of humility-Phil 2:5-8.

Think as Jesus thought. Though He was/is God, and knew it, He did not grasp at it. He laid aside His full glory as God, took the place of a servant, became a man, humbled Himself in obedience to God, and gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins.

Jesus instructs His disciples-Mat 20:20-28.

Two of Jesus disciples asked Him for promotion over the other ten, who were naturally upset at this. So Jesus got them together and told them that the world's way of doing things is not His way—the important one will be the servant of the others and the chief will be the slave of all. Jesus said, "I did not come to be served but to serve, and to lay down My life."

Humility is having a secure identity of who we are in God, and then choosing to serve God and others in love, by the leading of the Holy Spirit. *Lk 10:27-37, Ac 10:38, Jn 13:1-17, Gal 5:13,14.* **Humility** is love in action towards others.

Jesus tells a story-Lk 18:9-14. Two men went up into the temple to pray, one was proud and one was humble. God heard the prayer of the humble, but did not listen to the proud man.

Jesus says we need the humility found in little children-Mat 18:3,4.

IPet 5:5,6. The Apostle Peter urges us to put on the apron of servanthood to serve others and to be clothed with humility, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Now some examples of humility.**Responding in humility when someone hurts or offends us.**

Jesus said **forgive**, *Mk 11:25,26, Mat 18:21-35*, **release from condemning judgment**, *Mat 7:1,2, Rom 2:1,2*, (not evaluative assessment), **hand the problem over to God to solve and resolve**, *Mat 11:28, IPet 5:7*, **pray blessing on the offender**, *Lk 6:27,28*, as in *Ac 26:18*, or in *Col 1:9*. We all fall short in many things, and we all need mercy, *Jam 3:2*.

Responding in humility when we know we have sinned against the Lord.

Yes Lord, I did that, please forgive me in the Name of the Lord Jesus. I choose to turn away from that wrong and I set my heart to believe Your promises of freedom, *Jn 8:31,32, Rom 6:1-14, Rom 8:2, Ezek 36:25-27*.

Going in humility to someone we have hurt.

I'm sorry I did that to you, would you please forgive me? *Mat 5:23,24*. I should not have done what I did. Parents to children, children to parents, husband to wife, wife to husband, brother to sister, sister to brother. One day the Lord said to me, "**The sins you see your children struggling against are not their sins they are your sins**". My failures as a father of anger, being too busy, legalism, criticism, impatience, unkindness, and so on produced sin bondages in my children. So I have been to them and asked for forgiveness and prayed for them to be healed.

Choosing to be a servant to others, to do them good and to help them make it through.

Jesus said that He did not come to get people to serve Him, but He came to serve others, *Mat 20:28*. And it is God's will **for husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the church** and gave Himself for her, *Eph 5:25-28*. There was a day in my life when I chose to be a servant to my wife. To love is to serve and do good to another. The Bible says, "By love serve one another", *Gal 5:13,14* and do good to all, *Gal 6:10*. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil for God was with him, *Ac 10:38*. When we see an opportunity to do good to someone, "go for it".

Going out onto the streets and to the neighbours and to our unsaved friends, to offer people the good news message of God's mercy through Jesus Christ.

Without forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ, none of us can be saved from the judgment of God upon sin. The lost are eternally lost and will all fall into the "lake of fire", *Mat 13:50, Mat 25:41*. Jesus said, "I have come to seek and to save those who are lost", *Lk 19:10*.

Today, people are more often than not, ready to accept the good news message of sins forgiven through Jesus. Ask for boldness, words, opportunities, compassion and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Take time out to go to the streets with a bunch of tracts and be there. Walk around and pray for the unsaved. The Holy Spirit will direct you as you go.

Humility is more important than prayer.

God hears the prayer of the humble but He will not hear the prayer of the proud, *Lk18:9-14*.