

## Principles of Servant Leadership - the Jesus model: the Power of being Humble

### I fought hard and campaigned to beat others for the most humble award and I still didn't get it

- We don't often equate being humble with power
- It's like when we speak about the force of peace
- But only in the Word of God **through** the fruit of the Spirit do we see the power of God
- Being humble is a powerful force because
- It activates more grace in your life and more grace
- Provides more access to more of the power of God to move the mountains in your life - by grace through faith

“But He gives us more and more grace (power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully). That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it). [Prov. 3:34.]”

James 4:6 AMPC

“Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.”

Proverbs 3:34 NKJV

- More grace to the humble = more access to power
- That's the power of humility
- He gives more grace to the humble because humility brings assurance that you won't abuse the power

“Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!”

Matthew 5:3 AMPC

- Happy are humble because we gain the kingdom of heaven
- It's in that kingdom that we have power
- We are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus
- So it's from that place of authority, accessed through humility - in Christ that we we have the power to speak commands and things must fall in line.

## Testimony: John

John humbled himself, how?

- **He didn't react to being confronted**

We battle not against flesh and blood...

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God...

- **He displayed patience, peace, meekness and self control**

Those who are sons of God are led by the Spirit of God

- How do you know if you are being led by the Spirit?
- If you are led by Spirit you move by the fruit of the Spirit:
- Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, meekness (humble), goodness, self control, long-suffering
- **POWER!!!**

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath

- **He spoke the Word of God and made it final authority**

## My favorite definition of being humble:

*Humble: Put the Word of God first place and make it final authority - no matter what you think or feel*

- A great definition of being humble is actually our first core value

## **When you, despite your own feelings, ideas, thoughts, imaginations, choose to put all that aside**

- When you think you have the right answer
- The right solution
- The right response

When you withhold all that, when you stop yourself and choose instead to go to the Word of God and say - it doesn't matter what I think or how I feel - I'm going to find out and do what the Word says about that...

- That's the greatest definition of being humble
- It's the Word that has the power to change things and subdue every situation

- **That's what Jesus did:**

Did Jesus say what He wanted say? No! He said I only say what the Father tells me say. = Humble

## Being humble packs the power of promotion

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,"*

*1 Peter 5:6 ESV*

- When you achieve promotion through being humble, it teaches you to become a humble leader and being a humble leader - leads you to being a servant leader

Ps. Terri: ***"Promotion is not so much a reward but the anointing's need to express itself"***

- For the anointing to expand and grow

## Jesus is our perfect example: Phil 2:5-11

Before Jesus was given the name that is above all other names He had to qualify for that by humbling Himself.

*"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **Therefore** God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

*Philippians 2:5-11 ESV*

- Have this mind among yourselves: the mind of a humble man
- Jesus promotion only came after He humbled Himself

*Jesus had every right not to lay down His life for a sinful world - yet while we were still sinners He laid*

down His life for us.

- Remember that next time you don't want to help or disciple someone because you don't believe they deserve it.

### **That's how He led:**

He said: **He did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many - Matt 20:28**

We mentioned that being humble brings access to **power** by grace and brings **promotion**

**Proverbs 11:2** - being humble provides **wisdom**

**Proverbs 22:4** - being humble provides **riches** and honor and life

**Proverbs 29:23 & Pro 18:12** - being humble brings **honor**

**Proverbs 3:34** - being humble brings **favor**

**Psalms 25:9** - being humble leads to **instruction**

***Essentially, being humble supplies and multiplies everything that Grace provides***

### **Application Questions:**

1. What are areas in our lives, as men, that are difficult to humble ourselves in?
2. How do we remain humble and how do we practice being humble?
3. STOP, DROP, PRAY for any areas of pride that need to be removed in each other.