

TRUE HUMILITY

PART 1

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

HUMILITY *noun*

The quality or condition of being humble; modest opinion or estimate of one's own importance, rank, position, value etc.

2. EXAMPLES OF HUMILITY

1. The Great German theologian **DIETRICH BONHOEFFER**—resistance fighter against Nazism who was killed for plotting to overthrow and kill Hitler.
2. **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR**—whose life and legacy we celebrate tomorrow—using the philosophy and methods of nonviolence to create the “Beloved Community”—which envisions a world where global brotherhood and sisterhood are not a dream but the state of humankind.

TRUE HUMILITY: God’s only begotten Son—

JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

3. THE ANTITHESIS OF HUMILITY

Pastor/Author Chuck Swindoll's *five one word traps*:

1. **AUTHORITARIANISM** is the lack of a servant's heart.
2. **EXCLUSIVITY** is the *I (or we) alone are all right—only we have the truth, or the only right way.*
3. **GREED** is over-emphasis of money, power and possessions.
4. **RATIONALIZATION** is the effort to justify hurt or wrong with a defensive spirit.
5. **UNACCOUNTABILITY** is the idea I answer only to God or some perceived group of peers, and no one else.

4. TRUE BIBLICAL HUMILITY

TRUE HUMILITY—The emphasis here is on the character of God that is seen in the selfless service and obedience of Christ to the needs of others.

- Jesus Christ is our perfect example of obedient service—*the one truly others-centered person!*
- Paul used Christ's behavior as an example for the believers' lifestyle . **ROM. 15:3-9; 2 COR. 8:9; EPH. 5:1-2; COL. 3:3; 1 TIM. 6:13-16.**

HERE IN **VERSE 5** HE TELLS US TO IMITATE THE MODEL OF CHRIST:
Have this mind or attitude.

5. THE WAY UP IS DOWN!

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST AND THE FIRST LAST!

MARK 10:41-45

THE RESULT OF CHRIST'S OBEDIENT SUBMISSION TO DEATH WAS HIS EXALTATION TO THE LOFTIEST HEIGHT.

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

It was by **EMPTYING HIMSELF**, by surrendering up His heavenly glory and majesty temporarily and becoming Immanuel—the Suffering Servant of all. **ISAIAH 52-53**

JESUS MODELED TRUE HUMILITY

6. JESUS LIVED IT!

Real humility is always *others-centered*

- What Jesus told the **RICH YOUNG RULER** to do He did Himself; He gave up all that He had and gave to the poor.
- The **HUMBLE SUFFERING SERVANT OF YAHWEH** is seated in the highest position of honor and power over the universe. God the Father divinely vindicated His Son.
MARK 14:62; ACTS 2:33; ROM. 8:34; COL. 3:1; HEB. 1:3
- There is a **UNIVERSAL SPIRITUAL LAW** written by God:
Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and he who humbles himself will be exalted. **LUKE 14:11**

7. IN TRUE HUMILITY HIS NAME IS **LORD**

Greek: *Kurios*—**LORD** focused on His ruling power, dignity, authority, honor, dominion, worthiness of worship and adoration.

It's the most magnificent name in the universe—the highest of all names indicating Christ's sovereign rule—**LORD**.

**THAT NAME—LORD—IS ABOVE EVERY NAME BORNE BY
CREATED BEINGS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH.**

HIS HUMILITY was the way to His exaltation. That is why he has **THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES.**

DO YOU KNOW MY LORD JESUS??