

HUMILITY

MATTHEW 5:1-6

PREPARATION

Read some or all of the following text and then come up with a biblical working definition of humility. You may need to read a bit before and after for context.

Old Testament

-Proverbs 15:33; 18:12; 22:4; Zephaniah 2:3

New Testament

-Matthew 5:1-6; Acts 20:19; Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:3; Colossians 2:3;
1 Peter 5:5

Humility:

humility *n.* — the attitude/disposition of valuing or assessing oneself appropriately; especially in light of one's sinfulness.

LOOKING TO THE WORD

Compare and contrast the following Scripture in light of some of the questions below or your own thoughts? Matthew 11:29-30. Matthew 23:5-12. . Write your thought below or just share:

What is typically our greatest desire as described in Matthew 23? By contrast, what means does Jesus say to achieve being exalted or great? What does Jesus say to “take on” and do? What is the yoke and what do we need to learn in order to be great in His kingdom? What should this yoke always be reminding you of? How can this help you in keeping an attitude of humility?

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LOOKING TO THE WORD CONT.

Look again at Matthew 5:1-6. List the four characteristics or 'blessings' of humility, what the result is for each, and what you believe the benefit(s) is?

Proverbs 6:16 explicitly says how much God hates pride. What lengths do you think He is willing to go to rid pride out of you? What is His motivation for doing so?

2Cor 12:7—Could this be considered a “yoke” Paul was given? Why or why not? And does this mean God gives hard circumstances in life to humble us? Does He use other means? Explain.

How motivated are you to be great in the kingdom of God? How much discipline, desire and dedication will it take?

What other biblical thoughts or references about humility can you think of that could be of some help?

What about “false” humility? Is there such a thing? What does it look like and what can be done to avoid it?

What makes humility so hard to have or keep in your life?

Who in your life is an example of godly humility? How is it displayed in their life?

APPLICATION: GOD’S WILL FOR TODAY

It is God’s will for you to have an attitude of humility. How can humility be developed in your life and how can you be proud that it is part of your life?

What are you or can you do to be servant of all and therefore be great in the kingdom?

What concern or fear might you feel with this idea of being a servant of all? How can you trust God to put aside those feelings?

How can you live out this attitude with your spouse, children, friends, a boss, your employees,