

YEAR OF GROWTH

HUMILITY WEEK 2

EXAMPLES

Old Testament:

Day One – Sunday

Reflect on the definitions of the words that God used to describe humility. Think back over the previous lessons. Read again the passages that you have written. Recall the verses you have memorized. Focus on the meaning of humility and prepare to explore important Bible examples.

Day Two – Monday

Exodus 10:1-3

This first example teaches humility by showing its opposite – prideful, stubborn rebellion. Pharaoh had asked who Jehovah was and why he should obey Him (Exo. 5:2). God had answered by providing evidence of His identity and power. Pharaoh had witnessed seven plagues from God yet still refused to obey Him. A humble heart would admit and submit to the authority of God.

Day Three – Tuesday

1 Kings 21:25-29

An unexpected example of humility is found in Ahab, King of Israel. He had spent most of his life practicing evil and bringing corruption into the land of Israel. Yet, when the prophet Elijah warned him of the judgment of God, Ahab repented! He tore his clothes, dressed in sackcloth, and fasted. Furthermore, he “went softly” – meaning that he began to act gently (toward others, but especially toward God). Ahab humbled himself before the Lord and God showed him mercy.

Day Four – Wednesday

2 Kings 22:18-20

Josiah was a righteous man and a good king of Judah (vs. 1-2). However, he had been acting according to limited knowledge. When the book of God was found and read, he realized that the nation had not been obedient to the Lord. In humility he rent his clothes and sought to hear from God. A humble heart will always submit to the Word of God.

Day Five – Thursday**2 Chronicles 7:13-14**

This passage gives a beautiful description of humility. Those who are humble will pray, seek God, and turn from wickedness. As a result, God will hear their prayers, forgive their sins, and heal their land.

Day Six – Friday**2 Chronicles 30:6-11**

King Hezekiah of Judah sought to turn the nation back to the Lord. For many years the Passover had not been kept correctly. He tried to rectify their disobedience by encouraging all the inhabitants of Israel and Judah to observe the feast according to the Word of God. When he sent letters throughout the northern kingdom of Israel, most of the people mocked him. But there were some who humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem to obey God's will. The humble will acknowledge that God's way is right and submit to it in obedience.

Day Seven – Saturday**Daniel 5:18-24**

There is a great contrast shown between two kings, a father and son. Nebuchadnezzar became lifted up with pride but humbled himself when disciplined by God. His son, Belshazzar, knew of all that had happened to his father but refused to humble himself before God. Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged that God rules in the kingdoms of men. Belshazzar refused to admit God's authority and failed to glorify Him. Thus, the kingdom was established in Nebuchadnezzar and defeated under Belshazzar.