

YEAR OF GROWTH

HUMILITY WEEK 3

EXAMPLES

New 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

Philippians 2:5-8

The greatest example of humility is Jesus. Though He is God, He was willing to let go of His equality with God to become a man. This does not mean that He ceased being divine, but that He emptied Himself to be made like a man. Then, as a man, He became a servant to His own creation – even enduring the death of the cross (as though He were a degenerate criminal) to pay the price for the sins of the world (of which He was not guilty). There can be no greater example of humility. And Paul instructs all Christians to have the same mind – mindset or attitude – as Jesus.

Day Three – Tuesday

Matthew 18:1-6

When asked about greatness, Jesus taught about humility. The example He used to illustrate a humble heart was a little child. Children are humble because they recognize their dependence upon others. They are able and willing to be taught. They are not filled with selfish ambition or pride. Likewise, the follower of Jesus must be a selfless servant of others.

Day Four – Wednesday**Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus used a parable to teach about humility. The Pharisee demonstrated pride by being arrogant and self-righteous even in his prayers. The Publican manifested humility – he would not draw near; he would not look up; he would not brag nor boast. Instead, he acknowledged his sinfulness and his need of mercy. Jesus declared that those who humble themselves before God will be justified and exalted. {Note that this idea is carried into verses 15-17 with the humility of children.}

Day Five – Thursday**Matthew 23:1-12**

Jesus taught about humility by highlighting the pride of the Pharisees. They were hypocrites, thinking that what was required of others was not necessary for them. They did works just to be seen of men. Their goal was to be known, honored, and exalted by men. Jesus declared that they would be brought low. Only those who humble themselves will be exalted by God.

Day Six – Friday**Luke 14:7-11**

Jesus taught a parable that illustrated the danger of pride. He watched men scuffle and scramble to have the most prominent seats at a gathering. Those that do this may find themselves humiliated when they are told to move to a less prominent seat so that another may take their place. However, one who is humble will be willing to take a lower seat. Then, if he is asked to move higher, he is seen as being exalted. Again, God exalts the humble and brings low the proud.

Day Seven – Saturday**Acts 8:30-35**

The Ethiopian eunuch was reading from the prophet Isaiah. He was reading about the humiliation of Jesus. The Lord showed true humility when He suffered death for the sins of the world. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. He did not open His mouth to retaliate against His accusers. He suffered unjustly and allowed Himself to be put to death. Jesus teaches us what true humility is. May we all strive to be more like Him!