

HUMBLE YOURSELVES.....

Shofar Table view

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1 Peter 5:6 NKJV

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time

With great humility...



I humbly and
publicly confess...



the biggest struggle in
my life as a Christian is...



being right about
everything, all the time



Comic Title: False Christian Humility

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The origin of Pride: “I”

- For you have said in your heart:
‘I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation
On the farthest sides of the north;
¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.’
¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
To the lowest depths of the Pit. (Isaiah 14:13-15)

Our “I” is dead: crucified with Christ

- For we know that our *old self was crucified* with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin (Romans 6:6)
- I have been crucified with Christ and *I no longer live*, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal 2:20)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The *old has passed away*; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

How do we walk in this truth?

‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’
Says the LORD of hosts. (Zechariah 4:1-6)



We are nothing but a vessel.....

We are nothing but a vessel, a channel, through which the living God can manifest the riches of His wisdom, power, and goodness. The root of all virtue and grace, of all faith and acceptable worship, is that we know that *we have nothing* but what we receive, and bow in deepest humility to wait upon God for it.

Andrew Murray

How do we practically humble ourselves

1. Consider Jesus and submit to Him

- ¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son *can do nothing by himself*; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (John 5:19 NIV)
- ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven *not to do my will* but to do the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38 NIV)

2. Read and meditate on the Word

Psalm 8 A psalm of David.

1 Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.

3 When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honour.

6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet

3. Humble ourselves and pray

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

4. Be a servant

- ¹² I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.
- ¹³ And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the LORD. (Zechariah 11:12-13)

5. Join a church community

- We surround ourselves with people who know us well-our weaknesses, frailties, and sins.
- People who love us and care for us, but also know that we have feet of clay.
- In this honest and genuine community, we cannot pretend to be something we are not. This is a good place to be.
- In the local church, we also humble ourselves by serving others.
- We get to remember that we are not the centre of the universe and that we were not made to live for ourselves

Walking humbly with God will enable us to walk humbly with others

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. (Philippians 2:3 NIV)

- God-centered- not self-centered
- Other focused- not self-focused
- Treat everyone with respect regardless.....
- Serving others without seeking personal gain
- Teachable, receptive to correction
- Self-giving, self-sacrificing
- Slow to take offense

**“HUMILITY
IS NOT THINKING
LESS OF YOURSELF,
IT IS THINKING OF
YOURSELF LESS.”**

C.S. Lewis



False humility

- All efforts of the self (old man) to become humble
- Pride of not being proud
- Self-centered; not Christ-centered
 - I am a failure, worthless, no one loves me
 - Excessively modest
 - Pre-occupied with self
 - Inability to laugh at self
 - Easily offended

False humility

- ²⁰ Therefore, [\[e\]](#) if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as *though* living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— ²¹ “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,” ²² which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? ²³
- These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, *false* humility, and neglect of the body, *but are* of no value against the indulgence of the flesh. (Col 2 NKJV)

Humility is not having no Confidence and Confidence in God is not Pride

- **Moses**

Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) Numbers 12:3 NIV

- **David**

²⁶David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

²⁷ They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, “This is what will be done for the man who kills him.”

²⁸ When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.” (1 Samuel 17)

The Blessing of walking humbly in this life.....

True humility and fear of the LORD
lead to riches, honour, and long life. (Proverbs 22:4 NLT)

“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6 NKJV)

Come to Me, all *you* who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and
learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and
you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11: 28-29)

The eternal consequences of Christ's humility.....

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Phil 2:9-11 NKJV)