

Hubris or Humility?



Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today our focus is on humility. Have you felt yourself in the grips of hubris? It's rather easy to get caught up in what the world thinks of us. The need to establish oneself in relation to others often comes with the vitriol of hubris. May we lean toward the glory of our Lord to bring sense and perspective to the notion of thinking oneself too grand to need God's help.

Humility is a cornerstone of Christian virtue, a trait that God values deeply in His followers. It is a quality that embodies the acknowledgment of one's limitations and the recognition of the greatness of God. Humility involves a modest view of one's importance and a willingness to submit to God's will. We can learn much for Biblical readings. In fact, the Bible is replete with references and teachings that illustrate the significance of humility in the life of a believer.

"Be humbled in the sight of the Lord and He will raise you on high." James (4:10).

The Old Testament provides several profound examples of humility. One of the most notable is the story of Moses. Despite his significant role in leading the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses is described as the humblest man on earth. Numbers 12:3 states, "Now Moses was a very humble man, humbler than anyone else on the face of the earth." His **humility was evident in his reliance on God for guidance and his reluctance to assume leadership without divine assurance**.

Another example is King David, who, despite being a powerful monarch, often displayed a humble heart. In Psalms, David frequently acknowledges his dependence on God and his unworthiness before Him. Psalm 51:17 declares, "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." David's humility is further demonstrated in his willingness to repent when confronted with his sins, as seen in his confession after his transgression with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:13).

The New Testament continues to emphasize the importance of humility, primarily through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. **Jesus epitomized humility in His life and ministry.** Philippians 2:5-8 beautifully encapsulates this, stating, "**In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.**"

Let us seek to be of service to each other. Take the time to engage someone in conversation, take a moment to smile and recognize a stranger, call your parents and tell them that you love them, give thanks to your friends who check in on you to see how life is treating you. Take the time and expend your compassion to helping someone find their way to Christ. **Be the kindness, care, gentility, patience, compassion, and peace you wish to see in the world. We pray this in the name of Christ, Amen.**