

The Hope of Humility:

Invincible Living in the Power of God

Jeremiah 9:23-24

I. A Delightful Cycle:

Grace, by nature, produces Humility

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Humility, by nature, attracts Grace

1 Peter 5:5

II. Deconstructing Common Images of “Humility”:

Reflections on Eeyore, Monks & Japanese Hospitality

“Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him.” C. S. Lewis, **Mere Christianity**

III. Defining Christian Humility:

Humility is:

The invigorating liberation from the vain strivings
of self-sufficiency, self-absorption & self-promotion
that arises - with happy and relieved laughter -

when we discover

that God is invincible and, through Christ,

He is on our side

and when it dawns on us

that every good thing we now have, ever have had or ever will have
is directly from God’s irrepressible delight in doing good to us.

Because, at its core,

Humility is:

Believing redefining Gospel truths with full conviction &
Fundamentally reorienting our world-view from

“I am strong & I have something to prove” to

“God is unstoppable and He has made me His own”

IV. Detecting the Growth of Genuine Humility:

Humility is recognized by its side-effects & is, therefore, revealed by the growth of God-centered & ...

A. Expressive **Thankfulness**. 1 Corinthians 4:7; 2 Corinthians 4:15

B. Unconditional **Joy**. Habakkuk 3:17-19

C. Optimistic **Contentment**. Philippians 4:11-13

D. Festive **Generosity**. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

E. Fearless **Boldness**. Hebrews 10:32-35

Conclusion:

The Humble are Bold as a Lion

Proverbs 28:1

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23 Thus says the LORD:

“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;

24 But let him who glories glory in this,

That he understands and knows Me,
That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight,” says the LORD.