

**“Humility”**  
**[Philippians 2:8](#)**

**Question: how many wants to be like Christ?**

The Bible describes humility as **meekness**, **lowliness**, and **absence of self**.

**Meekness**, which is to have the quality of being quiet, gentle, and unwilling to argue or express one’s opinions. **Galatians 6:1-3**

**Lowliness**, the state of being humble and **unimportant**

**Absence of self**. Mean just that. **Romans 12:3**

The Greek word translated “humility” and elsewhere literally means “**lowliness of mind**,” **Philippians 2:5**

We see that humility is a heart attitude, not merely an outward demeanor. **Colossians 3:12**

One may put on an outward show of **humility** but still have a heart full of pride and arrogance. **Matthew 5:3**.

Being poor in spirit means that only those who admit to an absolute bankruptcy of spiritual worth will inherit eternal life. Therefore, humility is a prerequisite/ required for the Christian. (**2 Corinthians 5:17**).

We should never forget that Jesus has exchanged our worthlessness for His infinite worth, and our sin for His righteousness. **John 10:10**

The life we now live, we live by faith in the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us (**Galatians 2:20**). That is true humility.

Biblical humility is not only necessary to enter the kingdom, it is also necessary to be great in the kingdom **Matthew 20:26-27**, **Philippians 2:3**.

Selfish ambition, conceit, and the strife comes with self-justification and self-defense. Jesus was not ashamed to humble Himself as a servant **John 13:1-16**,

In His humility, Jesus was always obedient to the Father **John 8:29**.

A humble Christian should be willing to put aside all selfishness and submit in obedience to God and His Word. True humility produces godliness, contentment, and security.

God has promised to give grace to the humble, and opposes the proud **Proverbs 3:34**; **1 Peter 5:5**).

Therefore, we must confess and put away pride. If we exalt ourselves, we place ourselves in opposition to God who will, in His grace and for our own good, humble us.

If we humble ourselves, God gives us more grace and exalts us (**Luke 14:11**). Along with Jesus, Paul is also to be our example of humility. Despite the great gifts and understanding he had received; Paul saw himself as the “least of the apostles” and the “chief of sinners”

**1 Timothy 1:15**; **1 Corinthians 15:9**). Like Paul, the truly humble will glory in the grace of God and in the cross, not in self-righteousness (**Philippians 3:3-9**).