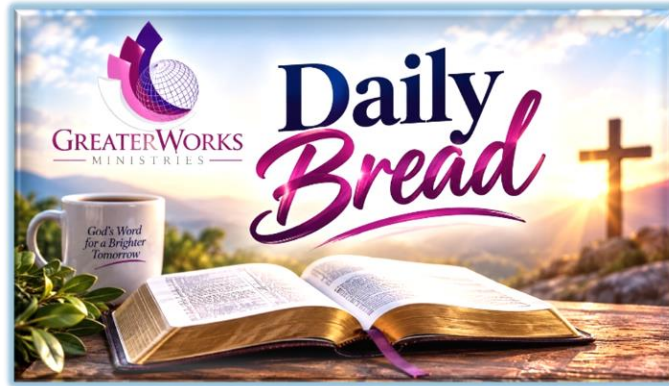




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THE POWER OF HUMILITY (PART 1)

1 Peter 5:5-6 (KJV) Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Every believer should aim to be humble and walk in humility. Humility is the opposite of pride. The above scripture says we must submit ourselves in humility. God resists the proud and lifts up the humble. Titles or a lifting up does not come by exposure, it comes by humility. In due time God will exalt (lift us up) us. We should not try to lift ourselves up because God does that for us. True humility is making changes in our character and attitude through the Word of God.

After hearing a sermon or teaching how do you usually respond? Many times, I have heard people saying after a sermon they wish the person that had offended them had listened to that sermon or teaching. Brethren, true homily is when you hear a sermon you receive it in your heart for yourself and not for someone else no matter how that sermon may apply to them. The Word will be for you in order to change your life for the better. One sign of humility is to receive the Word for yourself and not someone else.

We should be like Christ who walked in humility. Christ's crucification was an act of humbleness. Christ's name was highly exalted because of that. See what you gain from being humble!!

David is also another example. Even when Saul was hunting him down to kill him and had the chance to kill Saul. David instead of seeking revenge, David put the Word of God first ahead of what he could have been feeling in the flesh. That is humility. David put God's interests ahead of his own. David was God centered in making this decision not to kill Saul and not self-centered which is a pride trait.

Humility puts you in the spotlight in due time. The above scripture also says "God gives more grace to the humble." When you walk in humility, God increases His grace upon your life which

will cause you to overtake everyone. Resist the devil by walking in humility. Overcome evil with humility. Be like Christ, Be like David. They both overcame evil with humility. Christ being persecuted overcame evil with humility. David being chased by Saul overcame Saul's evil intentions with an act of humility by not killing Saul when he had the opportunity to do so.

Reflection: Have you ever had the opportunity to revenge against someone who offended you? How did you respond? Even if you had the upper hand, what was your response? Did you go for the kill or did you act in humility?

We continue tomorrow with part 2.

Blessed day to you all.

Pastor S & C

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THE POWER OF HUMILITY (PART 2)

"By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life." **Proverbs 22 vs 4 KJV**

Humility is powerful. We must fight to be humble and not to think highly of ourselves. Put others and value them more than we value ourselves. Let others seem better than you and not to look at our own interests. A person who walks in humility is more powerful than a person who walks in pride. Each time you see a person walking in humility know that they are strong and in due season God is lifting them up, God is elevating them soon into the spotlight with great honor. Each time you see a person walking in pride, know that they are weak and in due season if they do not change their attitude destruction is about to fall on them.

The Bible tells us to clothe ourselves with humility.

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility..." **Peter 5 vs 5 KJV**

SIGNS OF HUMILITY

1. Submission

Lack of submission besides it being disobedience, is also lack of true humility (1 Peter 5 vs 6). We should be humble towards God, our parents, our pastors, leaders and other brethren. Even if we are known to pray in tongues, serve in church, preach and teach the Word of God if we are not submissive, it is all in vain. (**Hebrews 3v17**)

2. Being willing to do work regarded as being low

There is no work in God's house regarded as low. From sweeping, to packing chairs, packing instruments, cleaning up after an event, to cleaning toilets etc. Humility brings promotion and God resists the proud. Jesus himself trained his disciples to be humble. Jesus ordered his disciples to serve the five thousand bread and fish.

3. Being Teachable or Trainable

When you are humble, you are teachable and trainable. When you are not humble, you are not teachable or trainable. Being a servant in God's house starts with training.

4. Honoring and Acknowledging Others

When God begins to use someone mightily in ministry, worship ministry, teaching ministry or ministry of helps (ushering etc) we must be humble and acknowledge that grace. Honor them so that, that same grace upon them moves with you and you can be part of it (most believers have missed the mark here. Celebrate those and acknowledge those doing well in the ministry in that season. When you do that, you also move in that same grace and God's grace upon that person for

your season will come to #Principle of sowing and reaping). Do you thank the Pastor after he has delivered a sermon or organised an event? Do you acknowledge the ushers, praise and worship team etc or do you criticize them all the time? (saying I can do better?) Honor those God has lifted up in the spotlight in any season be it in the house of God, family, friends or work colleagues. When we refuse to honor those doing well in the church or anywhere pride kicks in to bring us down and those people God has lifted up will go far ahead of us. Don't miss the chance of God lifting you up

(Malachi 1 vs 6)

5. Patience

People who have no patience to wait have lost humility. They can't even be patient for a meeting to begin. They can't even wait when there is a delay for a programme (take note of this one) The life of a child of God is a life of waiting. Whenever you see a delay in a programme be patient and know that the delay is bringing an important message for you. The delays are testing your patience. If you don't use your spiritual eyes, you will miss it because of impatience. People who are not able to wait and are irritated with delays lack humility and are prideful. Look at how Esther waited patiently for the right moment to get her people's breakthrough. Humble people patiently wait for the programme, even if it delays by 5,10,15 minutes.

Today many believers who did not have patience to wait have ended up in frustration and spiritual barrenness. Be careful of how you react when you wait for anyone, a programme etc.

To be continued....

Blessed day to you all

Pastors S&C