

THE PURSUIT OF HUMILITY

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In the absence of pursuing humility, pride is present.

Humility is an action.

1 Peter 5:5-6

Colossians 3:12

Ephesians 4:1-2

Micah 6:8

2 Chronicles 7:14

1 Peter 3:8

Zephaniah 2:3

Matthew 18:1-4

*Michelle reads out of the NASB version

If you're proud that you're humble, that's a different type of pride.

If no one ever corrects you, the answer is not that you're never wrong - it might be that you don't receive it well.

If we don't fight against our pride, our pride will fight against our kingdom impact.

PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOURSELF EVERY DAY.

Martin Luther "Because every week, you forget it."

When we get prideful, we have forgotten the gospel.

Isaiah 66:2

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Arrogance complicates the gospel.

Humility is required for salvation.

Psalms 149:4

The first step toward Jesus is a recognition how we fall short + our inability to be “good enough” to get to God on our own.

“I need Jesus” means “I can’t do it myself.”

Humility is required for sanctification.

Sanctification is working out your salvation – “to be set apart” or “to be made holy.”

Philippians 2:5-8

You cannot and will not ever be able to get lower than Jesus got for you – but the point is this: however low you think is as low as you can go, aim for lower. Get low and stay low.

Set apart does not in any shape, form or fashion look like or function like set above.

“Be more amazed that you’re saved than they’re lost.” – John Piper

We have to care more about what lost people think about Jesus than about what saved people think about us.

We are called to make lost people found.

Humility cares about the lost.

HUMILITY + LISTENING.

Ecclesiastes 5:2-3; 7

“Insecurity talks a lot, and the Holy Spirit doesn’t chit chat.” – Somer Phoebus

It’s not likely that you will not have an inspired, original word from the Lord for the masses every day, so don’t put pressure on yourself to do it and in doing so, fooling yourself to believe that’s ministry.

The foundation of our faith determines our career best practices.

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Don't waste effort doing the "shoulds" that God didn't give you.

Loosen your grip on lesser things.

Jeremiah 45:5a

Pride creates a stressed ambition. Humility produces a relaxed ambition.

BUT GODLY AMBITION as a spiritual gift from God looks so different than how the world defines ambition that the world wouldn't recognize it as ambition at all.

Godly ambition matches your faith. (It doesn't exceed it.)

Romans 12

Viewing yourself pridefully is dangerous for your soul.

Why see ourselves according to our measure of faith?

- Because faith sees Christ, NOT self.
- Faith is about what Jesus has done, not what you do.
- "Your measure of faith that God has assigned" ESV
- Our different measures of faith allow us to minister + be ministered to by one another – and this is not exclusively the more mature minister to the less mature. But every degree of faith ministers to each other

Godly ambition will do more to grow others than grow self.

Are you ambitious for what God is doing in and through others? And remember, ambition is ACTIVE. Not passive.

LIVE THE GOSPEL + in doing so, support each other in a radical way that the world doesn't simply see female empowerment.

You should have a lot of #2 seats.

A Godly gift of ambition will do more for others and the Kingdom because the gospel multiplies.

Find the back of the line.

Practice your righteousness in obscurity.

As our competence increases, often, our dependence decreases.

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Jesus does not need you to increase for Him to increase. Focus on His increase and focus your decrease. Because if you have two focuses, you'll miss both.

Eric Geiger: "How to Ruin Your Life"

1 Corinthians 15:9

Ephesians 3:8

1 Timothy 1:15

If how you view yourself doesn't decrease, Jesus isn't increasing in your life.

When Jesus increases, you will absolutely do more for Him.

Humility knows its Audience so it doesn't need an audience.

2 Samuel 6:14

Does your boldness change when people are watching?

Do you need people watching to do something?

Respond in worship boldly and joyfully before the Lord – if everyone's watching or if no one is.

"And _____ was _____ before the Lord with all her might."