

True Humility

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Text: Romans 12:3-8

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Introduction

After a tough and discouraging day at work, Melvin plopped himself on the couch and began wallowing in self-pity. He moaned to his wife, “Nobody cares about me. In fact, the whole world hates me.” Without even looking up from her work, Melvin’s wife replied, “That’s not true, honey. The whole world couldn’t possibly hate you because most of them don’t even know you.”

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Humility is a tough trait to keep in check. The minute we think we are humble because of the way we have lived, it would seem we are not. If we work to be humble, then we run the risk of feeling we have attained humility at some point.

Perhaps humility works best when we separate it from our works and depend solely on the work of Jesus Christ. It is more easily found in an understanding of who we are in Christ than in what we have or have not done. Consider the *truths* in this passage that lead us in the direction of understanding true humility.

- I. **We Must See Ourselves Accurately in Christ (v.3).**

- II. **We Must Know Our Purpose (v.4-5).**

- III. **We Must Do Our Part in the Kingdom (v.6-8).**

Conclusion

“Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is for me to have no trouble; never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret and be at peace as in a deep sea of calmness when all around is trouble. It is the fruit of the Lord Jesus Christ’s redemptive work on Calvary’s cross, manifested in those of His own who are definitely subject to the Holy Spirit.” - Andrew Murray