

HUMILITY (John 13:1-17)

“Humility is our protection from deception.”

Humility: Freedom from pride and arrogance, a modest estimate of one’s self-importance.

In theology: A deep sense of one’s own unworthiness in the sight of God and submission to the divine will of God.

Humble: A feeling of subservience, (serving as a means to an end, useful in promoting a purpose) courteously respectful, **to destroy the independence, power or will of oneself!**

This is not something God does to us! It is something He grants us the power(grace) to do for ourselves!

We must renew our mind and subdue our flesh, our Spirit man must allow to lead our body and soul, if we are to succeed at following Christ.

Submission: To get up under the mission of another.

Subdue: Overpower by superior force, to bring under mental and emotional control, to reduce the intensity or force, tone down, soften, tame and discipline.

This is what your re-created spirit man that is filled with the Holy Spirit is to be allowed to do with your body and soul for your own benefit. ***This is not something another does to you but something you must do for yourself!***

Antonym: (The opposite) Awaken, arouse, intensify, we must not allow our body or soul to get away with this!

This by no means implies slavishness or servility but the frame of mind of a child of God is that of one who feels not only that he owes all his natural gifts etc. to God but that he has been the object of undeserved redeeming love, and who regards himself as being not his own, but God’s in Christ. He cannot exalt himself, for he knows that he has nothing of himself. The humble mind is at the root of all other graces(abilities). Self-exaltation spoils everything!

There can be no real love without humility! ICor.13:4

To the humble mind **truth** is revealed. Matt.11:25, Lk.10:21

There is a false humility that Paul warns against: Col.2:18,23

It is not genuine humility when we humble ourselves with the feeling that we are greater than others, but only when we do not think of self at all. It is not alone the sense of sin that should create the humble spirit since **Jesus had no sin!** He was the embodiment of humility!

The reward of humility: Riches, Honor and Long life! Prov. 22:4

Prov. 21:2 Every man has a good opinion of himself and his own ways, but he should consider and keep uppermost in his mind that God weighs and tests the hearts!