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The Key of Humility

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Chapter 1

Why Humility Is a Key

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3

Humility is a key:

1. Because it opens the door to salvation to respond to the altar call.

2. Because it opens the door to healing.

3. Because it opens the door to the power of Holy Spirit.

4. Because it opens the door to the Holy Spirit and tongues: 1 Corinthians 14.

5. Because it opens the door to the anointing:

a. To humbly be a servant

b. To humbly receive someone as a father

c. To humbly learn from another

d. To humbly listen to a man.

6. Because it opens the door to full-time ministry: a. To humbly receive salary from offerings.

7. Because it opens the door to your ability to raise funds.

8. Because it opens the door of visitation to all kinds of places.

9. Because it opens the door to prayer.

10. Because it opens the door to your ability to interact with souls.

11. Because it opens the door to counselling: to say the same thing over and over.

12. Because it opens the door to your ability to build churches; the humility and shamelessness needed for the beginning of a church.

13. Because it opens the door to your ability to witness on the street.

14. Because it opens the door to the prophetic ministry of visions and dreams. The humility needed to share fantastic dreams.

15. Because it opens the door to being led by the Spirit.

16. Because it opens the door to your singing abilities.

17. Because it opens the door to worship.

18. Because it opens the door to good preaching:

19. Because it opens the door to evangelism. The shamelessness required to speak of Christ.

20. Because it opens the door to your missionary work; the humility required to be sent away like a school boy.

Four Enemies of Humility

1. Having a wrong mind

Types of Wrong Minds

1. High-mindedness

2. A mind that you are being cheated

3. A mind that you are forgotten, and must be remembered

4. A mind that 'I'm not noticed, I must be noticed'.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5

2. Holding on to your good reputation in any field

This makes you want to fight to keep a good reputation which you may have to lose for Christ's sake.

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:7

3. Not accepting to be a servant

4. Not accepting that you are a mere human

Chapter 2

Powerful Effects of Humility

1. Your humility proves what you are and is therefore the basis of your promotion.

And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:2

Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

Deuteronomy 8:16

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Philippians 2:9-10

2. Your humility releases healing into the land.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

3. Your humility leads to your salvation.

When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

Job 22:29

4. Your humility causes you to be remembered in Heaven.

When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

Psalms 9:12

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

Psalms 10:12

5. Your humility brings undeserved, unearned, unqualified blessings, help and favour your way.

The gaining of grace is reserved for those who deploy this great weapon.

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

James 4:6

6. Your humility causes the presence of God to dwell with you.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Isaiah 57:15

7. Your humility brings about revival in the ministry.

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Isaiah 57:15

8. Your humility causes your promotion.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:4

And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Matthew 23:12

9. Your humility gives you the highest rank in Heaven.

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Matthew 18:4

Chapter 3

The Weakness of Humility

1. Humility is the acceptance of our place as dependent on God.

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son CAN DO NOTHING OF HIMSELF, BUT WHAT HE SEETH THE FATHER DO: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 5:19

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but AS MY FATHER HATH TAUGHT ME, I SPEAK THESE THINGS.

John 8:28

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.

John 15:5

2. Humility is the highest lesson every believer has to learn.

Take my yoke upon you, and LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:29

3. Humility is to be blessed whilst you have nothing.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.

John 15:5

4. Humility is being obedient. Know nothing about anything, except what God says.

Every step of obedience is a step further into humbling yourself.

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:8

5. Humility is the distinguishing feature of Christ.

Take my yoke upon you, and LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:29

6. Humility is the highest virtue that a man can attain.

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5

7. Humility is the highest grace attainable and will determine the highest walk and position in Heaven.

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL HUMBLE HIMSELF AS THIS LITTLE CHILD, THE SAME IS GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Matthew 18:1-4

But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles

exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And WHOSOEVER OF YOU WILL BE THE CHIEFEST, SHALL BE SERVANT OF ALL. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:40-45

8. Humility is personified in Christ taking upon Himself the form of a servant.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and TOOK UPON HIM THE FORM OF A SERVANT, and was made in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:5-7

9. Humility is Christ emptying Himself and becoming a man.

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Philippians 2:5-7

10. Humility is eternal love clothing itself in meekness and gentleness, to win, to save and to serve us.

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Philippians 2:5-7

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:29

11. Humility is the rescue from the dual offer of Satan which was to be great like God, to know good and evil and to not need God.

Satan's offer was an offer of self-help, self-establishment, independence, greatness, self-guidance, self-knowledge, self-decisions, and self-choices.

And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Luke 4:3-13

12. Humility is salvation.

Salvation is to, essentially, be redeemed from pride and a terrible nature that destroys everything. Salvation in its essential nature is to be made humble or to

re-introduce the chief grace that we lost in the fall.

13. Humility is to be like Christ.

It is Christlikeness. Christ is the perfect embodiment of true humility and dependence on God and also of the nothingness that we lost in the garden.

The humility of Christ was not a temporary, transient, occasional sentiment of feeling that came when He sinned or was in a crisis. It showed us Christ's essential heart and nature.

The main aim of Christ was to be nothing so His father could express Himself through Him fully.

The first and the chief marks of Christ within us must now be to learn of Him this great humility. When we learn of Christ, we will discover a new life of self-renunciation, absolute submission, nothingness and dependence that is entirely peaceful, joyful and centred on the Lord.

Chapter 4

Nine Things Jesus Taught about Humility

1. The blessings of Heaven are for the humble who have nothing.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

2. The blessings of the earth are for the humble, who think of themselves as nothing.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:5

3. Happiness in our lives will be obtained in the life of humility.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS.

Matthew 11:29

4. The principal thing Jesus exuded and exemplified was meekness and holiness; and that is what He wants us to learn of Him.

Take my yoke upon you, and LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:29

5. Humility will be the chief distinguisher of people in Heaven. By humility we find our rank in the kingdom.

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and

become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL HUMBLE HIMSELF AS THIS LITTLE CHILD, THE SAME IS GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Matthew 18:1-4

6. The right and the left places of highest honour are reserved for humble slaves.

But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

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For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:40-45

7. Self-lowering, self-abasement and self demotion are the way to higher places in God. Humility and meekness will not rob us of what is noble, bold and manlike. It will rather make us great.

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, THE SAME IS GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Matthew 18:4

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and HE SHALL LIFT YOU UP.

James 4:10

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:

1 Peter 5:5-6

8. The more spiritual you are, the more you must lower yourself. Do not let Christian and religious success and achievement wipe out your humility.

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for EVERY ONE THAT EXALTETH HIMSELF SHALL BE ABASED; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Luke 18:14

9. Humility must be practised on one another.

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; YE ALSO OUGHT TO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET.

John 13:14

But ye shall not be so: BUT HE THAT IS GREATEST AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE AS THE YOUNGER; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

Luke 22:26

Following the will of God will bring you to a humble place. Leaving humility out is to negate every new spiritual virtue you develop. Humility must leak out at the heights of spiritual attainment.

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Matthew 18:4

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