

LEARNING HUMBLY

Psalm 20:1-9

INTRODUCTION: Humility: of all God's commands this may be the hardest for some of us. Now I know you hate to admit it but how many of you with uplifted hand would say "I am just plain humble!" One man wrote a book on how humble he was and named the book: "My Humility and How I Achieved It." Now honest humility is a learned trait and it is important that we learn to be humble: 1 Peter 5:5. When we think we are humble we probably are not but it is important to God and should be to us to become truly humble.

I. LEARNING HUMILITY!

Some of the humblest people I have seen are those who know they are approaching the end of their lives and are totally dependent on others for their care. Our God gives us grace to handle whatever He allows into our lives: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. It is our God who gives us all our Gifts. It is our God who gives us all our Passions. It is our God who allows us all our Struggles. The more gifts and the more passion God puts into your life, the more struggles He will allow into your life so you don't become proud. We only learn humility when we have to struggle. We have the power of resurrection power available to us and yet because of our pride we try to live our lives by our own strength: Ephesians 1:17-21.

II. WE NEED TO LEARN FROM OUR FAILURES COMPLETELY!

Simon Peter was so strong but Peter had a crash! If we are going to learn humbly the first principle we need to learn is we must learn from our failures because everybody makes mistakes, everybody has failures. When we fail in our lives we must look at it briefly, learn from it completely and then let it go gently. Hebrews 13:35-36. In every experience of life our God is trying to talk to us, He is trying to teach us, and He is trying to transform us toward Christ-likeness. Jesus warned Peter of an upcoming test and Peter became proud and felt there was no way he could fail the test. Matthew 26:31-35; Proverbs 16:18; Matthew 26:65-71. The good news is that our failures need never be permanent. Because of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ we can repent, be forgiven and start again. In order to begin again we must take responsibility for our failures. Proverbs 28:13-14; Psalm 25:12-15. We are so afraid of brokenness but it is our brokenness that allows our God to use us. Mark 16:1-7: Go tells His disciples and Peter!

III. LET GO OUR YOUR FAILURES GENTLY!

We are encouraged to bring our pain, failures, and faults all to our Lord, accept His forgiveness and then let them go. Matthew 11:28-30. We must let go of our guilt or Satan will use it to bind you in the past and blind you to the future that God has for you. Isaiah 43:18-19. When we honestly confess our sins, the Bible says: 1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:10-12; Micah 7:19. When our God puts our sins in the depths of the sea He puts out a "No Fishing" sign. To learn humbly is to learn from our failures and to surrender to God's strength. Surrendering to God's strength is to live the rest of our lives God's way. Doing things, the way our God wants things done in your life! We cannot live the resurrection life in our own strength: Luke 9:23; John 15:5; Philippians 4:13; Mark 10:27. When we fail we can either fall on our face or we can fall on our knees and when we do God will raise us up to victory. John 16:33.