

Humility Part 2

“16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17 KJV)

God gave a clear instruction to the man how to behave in the Garden of Eden; that he was allowed to eat from all the trees in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for God told him, ***“for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”***

“1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1 KJV) Satan here was testing the woman and checking what was inside her. And the following was what she answered: ***“2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” (Genesis 3:2-3 KJV)*** God truly said to the man about the tree in the midst of the garden that, ***“Ye shall not eat of it, lest ye die.”*** but God did not say, ***“neither shall ye touch it”***, that was the woman’s invention and not God’s Word. Why the woman added to God’s Word? Because she had pride and she wanted to do what she wants. That was her own way of doing things and not what the LORD ordained for her to do. Satan discerned from the woman’s answer that she had pride because she changed God’s Word and made her own version. ***Proverbs 30:6*** says, ***“6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”*** Satan saw that inside the woman pride and lies as he has, so he introduced to her his version of disobedience, ***“4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:4-5 KJV)*** That Satan’s answer put in the woman’s life more pride and arrogance and encouraged her to go in disobedience against God’s will and plan. **Humble down and repent of your pride and arrogance so that Satan will not have an opportunity to deceive you and push you to disobey God’s Word and God’s will.**

One day the Lord Jesus Christ was asked about the issue of divorce, ***“3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?” (Matthew 19:3)*** That was a strange question for the Lord to hear and was unexpected from those who seem they were followers of God! Jesus answered them and told them ***“4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” (Matthew 19:4-6 KJV)*** Those who asked the Lord they had read and they knew what God had said in His Word, ***“What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”*** **Therefore divorce was man’s version and not God’s version. But still they were stubborn and questioned the Lord Jesus,** ***“7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?” (Matthew 19:7 KJV)*** ***“8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.” (Matthew 19:8 KJV)*** From Jesus’ answer we can conclude that divorce was neither Moses nor God’s version.

Jesus said about it, ***“but from the beginning it was not so.”*** Divorce is people’s version because of the hardness of their hearts.

As the woman added to the command of God and changed it due to her pride, men continue to do the same with the rest of God’s commands and teachings. Because of his pride man had changed God’s rule and introduced his own rules and ways, in regard to marriage, family life, rearing children, education, serving God, tithing, water baptism, and the same for the rest of God’s Word and commands.

That sin of changing and editing God’s Word due to man’s pride, also made man non teachable or unwilling to be corrected. Those who have pride once you start to speak to them and try to explain to them the truth they either not listen or says, ‘I know ... ,’ and will not allow you to proceed and teach them.

What God is giving to man from resources and talents it can be a reason for man to have pride and to do his own will and plan. Therefore the LORD certain times opposes your pride and caused you certain suffering in order to humble you down. God protected Paul from being conceited when He allowed certain difficulty in his life that Paul described as thorn in the flesh, ***“7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.” (2 Corinthians 12:7 KJV)*** Some they explain that the thorn in the flesh of Paul was a sickness affecting his sight. **The Lord sometimes may allow certain difficulties; illnesses or hardships so that he would break your pride and humble you and that shall work for your own good.** This is what Nebuchadnezzar testified about God when He broke his pride: ***“37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.” (Daniel 4:37 KJV)***

Do not put aside the grace of God and neglect the blessing of God that He is sending you in the form of warning, correction, discipline and even rebuke. Do not be among those who will regret their wrong attitude in non accepting correction, ***“11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, 12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; 13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!” (Proverbs 5:11-13 KJV)***

Humility and willingness to be taught and corrected is a safeguard for you and protection to you and a source of more grace in your life. Humility is rewarded by the Lord, ***“20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.” (Proverbs 19:20 KJV)*** As you give attention to advice and corrective instructions then you will reap the good things that God is sending you through His grace and mercy, as we will discuss in the next Scripture a real story of a humble man whom Jesus blessed.

“1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. 3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: 5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. 6 Then Jesus went with them. And

when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: 7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. 8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.” (Luke 7:1-10 KJV)

The centurion showed wisdom, prudence and humility when he chose to ask help from Jesus to heal his servant who was ready to die. Our Lord Jesus marveled to the great faith of that man; his great faith came from his humility and humble attitude as we can outline in the following:-

1. *“he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.”*: He considered himself unworthy as he said to Jesus, *“7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee:”* Even he was in high position as a centurion, but he did not take that high position in consideration to justify himself a privilege. Humble people shall not use their position to demand from others.

2. *“beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.”*: The message he sent to Jesus was a beseeching message. Someone else would send a command or order, but this humble man sent a petition asking Jesus to help him. **Humble people are always meek in the way they ask others for their needs.**

3. *“4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this:”* This person the people talked about him as a worthy person, but he said about himself as unworthy. **Humble people will not speak about themselves or recommend themselves.** Therefore, *“Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.” (Proverbs 27:2 KJV)*

4. *“5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.”*: The Jewish leaders when they came to Jesus, they mentioned to Him the good things that this man did to them, while this man when he sent them, did not tell them to mention to Jesus what good things He did to them. That man built a synagogue. **Do we love our church? Do we work out with God to build it up? Do we love our ministry and we are keen and faithful to what God entrusted to us? When we do good thing to the Lord and to His church we should not go and boast of what we did, but we need to be humble and trust God, that He who see everything shall reward us.**

The grace of God will flow only to the humble. The Jewish rulers even they thought that when they will mention the good things that this man did, that would push Jesus to help him. But that is not correct conclusion because the grace of God will flow to those who are humble and not to those who do good things. Even to those who do the good works, the grace of God will not flow to them if they are proud, boastful and not humble, for there are many people who are doing good things but they are not humble.

5. *“6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not*

worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof”: * Those who are humble they will not be happy to trouble others. The humble people are not demanding people. They think of others and their interests before they think about themselves. * Are you a demanding person? Have you thought that your pride can cause others much? Pride’s attitude in life cause others to be put in troubles. * Spending much in pursuing your own will, and doing and pushing forward your own wishes and plans are disturbance to others and to God’s work.

That man was humble, not selfish nor demanding and he received good answer from the Lord and his needs was met. Selfish people who love only themselves, they will not receive their needs from God. Therefore such kind of life with pride and no humility, prove that selfish people they neither love others nor love themselves.

* When you disobey the Word of God and the Biblical instructions that you received you are disturbing not only your own life, but you are disturbing the life of others around you; you are disturbing your own family and also you are disturbing the life of the church. * Every sin or short coming you do will bring a burden and demand, on the Lord, upon others, and upon God’s Church. * Therefore let us not be selfish, but let us think in a Godly way about our interests and the interest of others: *“1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians 2:1-4 KJV)*

6. *“for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: 7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee.”*: **Humble people they considered themselves nothing before God. Therefore, let us follow the example of Jesus, “5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:5-11 KJV)** When we humble ourselves before God in such a way as this centurion did, God will lift us up and will reward us bountifully and solve our problems adequately.

7. *“but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.”*: He humbled himself under the Word of God, the Living Word, Jesus Christ, realizing that the Word of God has more power than all what he had from power, authority or material possessions. * **Humble people they rely and depend on God’s Word and not on what they have in their hands. * Do you rely on the Word of God and His promises to you or you are relying on your own power and on the people promises to you to go on in life?**

8. *“8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.”*: That man was very careful that when Jesus would come to him or when Jesus will

do him something, it will not appear that he was forcing or demanding the Lord to do that. That man was so sensitive to everything around him. His desire was that things will go in a way that God would be glorified. That man did not want anyone to conclude that he had the upper hand over Christ or over His Word or over His people, the church. **Humble people even when they have the power to act, they will be very careful not to use any of what they have to gain their needs. Humble people will not manipulate others or twist their arms to gain their own wishes and fulfill their own plans. We must think twice, thrice and even more before we take any decision and let us apply what Paul said, “21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.” (2 Corinthians 8:21 KJV)**

9. “10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.”: Healing took place earlier than what was planned for. Healing at first was expected when Jesus would reach the home of this man. But as the man exercised his humility before Christ, His Word and His church, the grace of God flowed in a speedy way and his servant was healed. **Why problems are delayed and not solved? Because of pride and lack of humility, therefore the grace of God is delayed in reaching you to solve your problems.**

My dear and beloved: Non-humble people are non teachable people, and their non willingness to be taught will cause them to remain in the pit of sin. But what the Word of God tells us, **“5 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.” (1 Peter 5:5 KJV) “6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6 KJV) Therefore humble people ultimately will express the great faith that will be marveled by the Lord, they will be good examples to others to follow Christ, and ultimately they will enjoy better the grace of God that will flow to them in a more easy and smooth way, and they will enjoy a better life.**

*** Apply what you learned from the message to receive and enjoy His grace in full. * Do you want to be healed? Do you want the grace of God to flow in your life and in the life of your family? Do you want God to solve your problem? Even here now before Him as you stand, God can do it. The Lord shall send His Word and relief you if He found you humble. * Repent of your pride, repent of your own will and plans. Let the Holy Spirit examine your heart as you repent and renouncing all your sins, wrong thoughts and evil practices and receive His grace. Let us pray ...**

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that taught me about humility and showed me my sins that I need to repent from and the way that you wants me to live my life for you and how to serve you. Lord thank you for all the trials and the hardships that you allowed in my life in order to humble me and break my pride. Lord thank you for all the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments that we received in this message.

Now come to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your pride arrogance, your lies and your own invention and twisting to the Word of God. Confess and renounce your agreeing with divorce and remarriage. Confess and renounce your being non teachable, and unwilling to be corrected. Confess and renounce your boasting, showing off and admiring yourself. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan. Confess and

renounce your demanding attitudes, your selfishness, your non concern to the interest of others, and easy for you troubling people. Confess and renounce your lack of faith in the Word of God and your non willingness to give to God, to serve Him, to serve His people and to suffer for the service of His church. Confess and renounce your lack of reading the Bible and your lack of prayers. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins
_____.

Lord I repent of all my pride, boasting and my other wrong attitudes and practices that ruining my life. I commit myself to the word of the message that I received. Lord give me a teachable spirit and guard my life and my ways so that I will fear your name and walk in your ways of truth. Lord I cry to you to send your Word and heal me from the following sickness_____. Lord send your Word and solve this problem _____.

Lord Watch over me and keep me in this way of life to be humble to express the great faith and humility that will please you and that I will be of good example to others. Lord I rely on your grace to do that, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters, who humbled down, repented of their sins, renounced their pride, changed their attitudes and committed themselves to live the style of life that you want them to have, and to start serving you, and doing good things as you ordained for your church and your people. Lord use them to serve you and help them in their struggles; heal their sicknesses and solve their problems. Lord give them more patience and perseverance until they will accomplish your will in their lives and be good example to others to follow you. Lord continue to provide their needs so they will continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church and increase our faith in you and in your Word. Lord help us and guide us out from the following struggles _____. Lord lead us to reach new people and to teach them your Word and declare to them your will. Lord we humble ourselves before you and we are willing to follow your ways in our lives and ministries. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and serve you, to evangelize, to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus and to make new disciples, and train new workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to be ready to go with you when you come. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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