

**Luke 9:46-50**

- ✓ Mankind's fall from glory came as a result of pride: **Genesis 3:5** "we can have God-like status!"
  - ✓ "One of the biggest differences between you and God is that God never
  - ✓ thinks He's you."
  - ✓ **Matthew 18:3**, Our actual status is that of children.
  - ✓ Children bring no intrinsic value with them.
  - ✓ Children aren't assets they are liabilities, so why do we love them? Because they are ours!
  - ✓ Children aren't supposed to have anything to offer! That's the Parent's job.
  - ✓ We have nothing to offer God, instead, God has everything to offer us.
  - ✓ Take the status of child so that God can fully take the status of you Father!
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**1. What is Humility?**

- **Humility if Reality**
    - ✓ Humility is living in truth about ourselves: We aren't God; our status forever is that of children.
    - ✓ **Romans 12:3**
  - **Humility is dependency**
    - ✓ Instead of believing the lie: "You'll be like God", start every day acknowledging our dependance on Him, our need of Him, our confidence in Him alone. That's humility.
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- **Humility is conviction of sin**
    - ✓ **Matthew 5:3-4** – poverty (cringing beggar) and mourning **Luke 18:13**.
    - ✓ Measure your humility by your sense of unworthiness of God's forgiveness and grace.
    - ✓ Take the status of a cringing beggar, a vulnerable, needy person so that God can take the status of being of the supplier of all your needs!
    - ✓ Measure your humility by your willingness to forgive others.
  - **Humility is ceasing to think about yourself**
    - ✓ High self-esteem is prideful and is thinking about oneself constantly and vainly.
    - ✓ Low self-esteem is thinking a lot of yourself as well, constantly on feelings of inferiority, not measuring up, etc.
    - ✓ Humility is neither high nor low self-esteem; humility is ceasing thinking of yourself altogether.
    - ✓ **Philippians 2:3**
    - ✓ Humility is others focused.
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**Measure your humility by your willingness for others to receive the prominence and credit while you are forgotten.**

- **Humility is being like God**

- ✓ **Philippians 2:5-6**, Jesus had no pride or self-esteem, nothing to prove, thought nothing of Himself only of us, be like Jesus!
- ✓ **Jesus was God telling us, in person, who HE is.**
- ✓ What did He tell us? “the Lamb of God”, no creature more Humble.
- ✓ At His baptism where John the Baptist called Him the Lamb of God, the Holy Spirit descended in the form of dove; two of the most humble creatures on the planet.
- ✓ HE could have been born anywhere, at any time, to anyone, but He was born in a tiny town, in a stable, laid in a manger, acknowledged by a handful of shepherds.
- ✓ HE could have grown up anywhere and done anything, but He was the son of manual laborer and lived in a town that had nothing and was on the way to nothing and meant nothing to the people of that day.
- ✓ He could have lived any way He wanted but He tells a follower “the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”
- ✓ At His death they divided all He had, and it turned out just to be the clothes on His back.
- ✓ They crucified Him stark naked—tell me He wasn’t humble!

**Measure your humility by your hunger to see Jesus receive all the glory in your life.**

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