

## **Lower Still**

### **Humility**

Humility is the condition of knowing one's shortcomings. A. Kempis: "A lowly knowledge of yourself is a surer way to God than the deep searchings of man's learnings." Jesus made love and humility one. Humility is not a virtue by itself; but it is pure receptivity, the expression of inner need, the prayer for God's grace and forgiveness, in a word, the opening up of the heart to God and others.

Saint Paul served the Lord with all humility of mind and with many tears, and so should we. There is no honor without humility. Solomon in all his wisdom knew that "he that refuses instruction despises his own soul, but he that hears reproof gets understanding. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom and before honor is humility." And again, even stronger, "Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility." "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life." Micah: "O man, what is good? And what does the Lord require of you? To do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

To be able to humble yourself is to put away the spiritual pride that separates the true church from the harlot. Peter tells us that we should "be subject one to another and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble." (taken from Humility, Chapter 6, Andrew Murray)

### **Humility is...**

Humility is . . . the bedrock of forgiveness.

Without deep humility, true forgiveness is impossible . . .  
and will never happen.

HUMILITY is . . .  
knowing you *yourself* desperately require  
forgiveness as the greatest of all needs.

Humility is . . . being little, being NOTHING.

Having nothing to defend, to explain, to achieve  
because of *needing* nothing.  
No place, no acclaim, no vindication, no praise,  
no notice, no. . . anything.

When you are *nothing*, you need *nothing*.  
Humility is freedom from your own driven ego.

Wrapped in Christ's acceptance and lost in His love,  
you need nothing else on this earth, from this world.

Humility is loving heaven's reward more than earth's acclaim,  
living only for God's defense  
and the inevitable justice of the Last Day.

And yet . . .

humility is knowing what you really deserve  
and out of that constant awareness,  
freeing all others who deserve the same as you.

Humility. . . it is the Lamb.  
Christ's humility as God to  
confine himself to humanity. . .  
that is a lowliness incomprehensible to  
a people gluttoned with haughty blindness.

**Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus  
Who being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be grasped,  
but made Himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness,  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!**  
Philippians 2

Lamb-surrender. . . in Gethsemane.  
Lamb-meeekness. . . by chosen helplessness.  
Lamb-vulnerability. . . in violence.  
Lamb-silence. . . before accusation.

***Lamb forgiveness. . . to His own murderers.***

Only a Lamb-disposition could take away the sins of the world.  
Only the humility of Christ rose above the horrible nature of sin.

His humility lives in me  
and my humility is surrender to Him,  
to let His nature take over what is  
impossible for my nature,

this is the humility that is capable of forgiving  
heaps of hurt and wrong.  
His humility is the only humility.

**The *Lamb* of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.**

**(taken from Shulamite Ministries, Georgia)**

## Lower Still

**As a student in Frontline Training Center (FTC) I am allowing the Lord to move in my life wholeheartedly, as my desire is to be sold out for the Master, radically pursuing intimacy with Him. I surrender myself to God's very best for me which will bring Him the most glory as His destiny for me continues to be revealed. I am contending for deeper humility and purity in all areas of my life and am submitting myself to join in harmony with all that the Lord has for me through my connection with FMI/FTC. I realize that I am expected to cooperate with the spiritual and practical guidelines of attitude and behavior as given to me by FTC leadership, as I am hungry for personal transformation through going "lower still" in every area. As a step of faith and personal commitment, my signature indicates my heart of agreement for growth in the above mentioned areas.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**