

Are we made humble or do we do make ourselves humble?

- God makes you humble, but you need to cooperate with and trust God
- You can make yourself think lowly and have a humble mind

Clothe yourself with a mind of humility

- “Likewise you younger people, submit [hupotasso] yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive [hupotasso] to one another, and be clothed [aorist active imperative verb] with humility [tapeinophrosune], for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (1Pet 5:5)

Personal imperative to bring yourself low before God

- “Humble [tapeinoo – to bring low (aorist passive imperative verb)] yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” (Jm 4:10)
- “Therefore humble [tapeinoo – to bring low (aorist passive imperative verb)] yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time” (1Pet 5:6)

Jesus humbled Himself – Jesus’ Character

- “Let this mind [phroneo=to be mindful of] be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled [tapeinoo – aorist active indicative verb] Himself and became obedient [hupekoos] to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” (Phil 2:5,8)
- “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle [praos] and lowly in heart [tapeinos], and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matt 11:29)
 - Jesus’ yoke was obedience; our yoke is obedience
 - “because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.” (Jn 5:30)
 - “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.” (Jn 8:28)
 - “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” (Matt 26:39)
- “Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness [praotes] and gentleness [epieikeia] of Christ” (2Cor 10:1)
- Mind: nous (noema=to understand) vs. dianoia vs. phroneo {does not cover Greek words for knowledge and comprehension}
 - Nous = faculty of intellectual apprehension, perception, receiving information
 - “But we have the mind [nous] of Christ.” (1Cor 2:16)
 - “I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind [nous] I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.” (Rom 7:25)
 - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind [nous], that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom 12:2)
 - “and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding [nous], will guard your hearts and minds [noema] through Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:7)
 - Dianoia = thinking through, active reasoning, contemplating ideas, understanding
 - “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind [dianoia], and with all your strength.” (Mk 12:30)
 - “And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding [dianoia], that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” (1Jn 5:20)
 - Phroneo = frame of mind, way of thinking
 - “Set your mind [phroneo] on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Col 3:2)
 - “Let this mind [phroneo] be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5)
 - “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind [phronema] of the Spirit is” (Rom 8:27)

Jesus endured hostility, shame, and the cross

- “For consider Him who endured [hupomeno] such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.” (Heb 12:3)
- “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured [hupomeno] the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Heb 12:2)
- “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed [paradidomi = to allow of something being done] Himself to Him who judges righteously” (1Pet 2:21-23)

Paul learned contentment by being humbled

- “Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned [manthano] in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased [tapeinoo – present passive infinitive verb], and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned [mueo=to initiate in the mysteries of; to learn the secret of] both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Phil 4:11-13)

Giftedness should not cause highmindedness

- “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think [phroneo] of himself more highly [para] than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.” (Rom 12:3)
 - “But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, Friend, go up higher. Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled [tapeinoo], and he who humbles [tapeinoo] himself will be exalted.” (Lk 14:10-11)

Submission to Jesus and God

- “Therefore submit [hupotasso = to rank under] to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” (Jm 4:7)
- “Therefore, just as the church is subject [hupotasso] to Christ” (Eph 5:24)

Endure Chastening

- “Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection [hupotasso] to the Father of spirits and live?” (Heb 12:9)
 - “If you endure [hupomeno] chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?” (Heb 12:7)

Submit to governments, authorities, laws

- Remind them to be subject [hupotasso] to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work” (Tit 3:2)
- “Therefore submit [hupotasso] yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.” (1Pet 2:13-14)

Like a child

- “Therefore whoever humbles [tapeinoo] himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt 18:4)

Servant – Humble

- “But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled [tapeinoo], and he who humbles [tapeinoo] himself will be exalted.” (Matt 23:11-12)

Lowest Seat

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Jesus didn’t please Himself

- “We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please [aresko] ourselves. Let each of us please [aresko] his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please [aresko] Himself” (Rom 15:1-2,3)
- “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Phil 2:4)
- “in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” (Phil 2:3)
- “in honor giving preference to one another” (Rom 12:10)
- “Let no one seek [zeteo] his own [heautou], but each one the other’s well-being.” (1Cor 10:24)

Trials / Difficulties Develop Christian Maturity and Character

- Requires my patience and trust in Jesus
- Results in hope, joy, and comfort
- “And not only that, but we also glory [kauchaomai=boast] in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces [katargazomai] perseverance [hupomone]; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom 5:3-5)

- “My brethren, count it all joy [chara] when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing [dokimion] of your faith produces [katergazomai] patience [hupomone]. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” (Jm 1:2-4)
- “strengthened [dunamoo] with all might [dunamis], according to His glorious power [kratos], for all patience [hupomone] and longsuffering [makrothumia] with joy [chara]” (Col 1:11)
- “But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect [katartizo], establish [sterizo], strengthen [sthenoo], and settle [themelioo] you.” (1Pet 5:10)
- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort [paraklesis is the noun], who comforts [parakaleo = present active verb] us in all our tribulation [thlipsis], that we may be able to comfort [parakaleo] those who are in any trouble [thlipsis], with the comfort [paraklesis] with which we ourselves are comforted [parakaleo] by God.” (2Cor 1:3-4)
- “Indeed we count them blessed [makarizo] who endure [hupomeno]. You have heard of the perseverance [hupomone] of Job and seen the end [telos] intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate [polysplagchnos] and merciful [oiktirmon].” (Jm 5:11)