

# Humility & Grace

## 1Pe 5:5-10 (NASB)

**5** You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

**6** Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

**7** casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

**8** Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**9** But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

**10** After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.

## Jas 4:6-12 (NASB)

**6** But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

**7** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**9** Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.

**10** Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

**11** Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge *of it*.

**12** There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

IF THIS CHRISTIANITY IS REAL:

[Php 2:1](#) Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

[Php 2:2](#) make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

THEN DO THIS:

[Php 2:3](#) Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

[Php 2:4](#) do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

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[Php 2:3](#) Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

[Php 2:4](#) Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

[Php 2:5](#) Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

[Php 2:6](#) who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

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[Php 2:5](#) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

[Php 2:6](#) Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

[Php 2:7](#) but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

[Php 2:8](#) Being found in appearance as a man, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

[Php 2:9](#) FOR THIS REASON ALSO, GOD HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

[Php 2:10](#) so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

[Php 2:11](#) and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Lights in the World**

[Php 2:12](#) So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, WORK out your salvation with fear and trembling;

[Php 2:13](#) for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

[Php 2:14](#) Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

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[Php 2:12](#) Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

[Php 2:13](#) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.

[Php 2:14](#) Do everything without complaining and arguing,

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[Php 2:12](#) Therefore, my dear ones, as you have always obeyed [*my suggestions*], so now, not only [*with the enthusiasm you would show*] in my presence but much more because I am absent, work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ).

[Php 2:13](#) [*Not in your own strength*] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [*energizing and creating in you the power and desire*], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

This is humility!

This is where grace lives!

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### **Christ's Example of Humility**

**Php 2:1** If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—

**Php 2:2** then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends.

**Php 2:3** Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead.

**Php 2:4** Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

**Php 2:5** Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself.

**Php 2:6** He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what.

**Php 2:7** Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human!

**Php 2:8** Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion.

**Php 2:9** Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever,

**Php 2:10** so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ,

**Php 2:11** and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

### **Lights in the World**

**Php 2:12** What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God.

**Php 2:13** That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.

**Php 2:14** Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed!

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