

# THE POWER OF HUMILITY

**'Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.'**

**James 4:10**

HUMILITY GOD'S PEACE, AUTHORITY and POWER.

Humility comes through knowing God and obediently trusting his character. It is a continual choice of personal, knowing faith that God is 100% *good, loving and trustworthy* in who he IS, what he SAYS, and what he DOES: not least in and through us.

As such, humility will utterly transform a person's life. It is THE key to seeing the wonders of God and knowing him intimately. It is THE way to letting God do what only he can do in our lives: love, save, transform, create, guide, lead/serve, utilise, heal, prophesy and grow the fruit of the Spirit in us - all of which make us very powerful indeed. Humility knows it is totally redundant to puff oneself up, because doing so only furs or entirely blocks the artery of the divine power that is needed for us to thrive, spiritually fight and build the kingdom of God. Humility, therefore, is rightly keenly jealous for God's plans and how we will affect and grow kingdom life.

Humility also lovingly fears God and not people, and trusts him in the situations we face, even knowing the inherent challenges. Because of this, *the humble soul knows that all people are exactly the same as we are, all of us in need of the same saving grace and help of God.* Whoever we meet, whatever their circumstances, and who and whatever they currently believe in (because on Christ's return, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that he is evidently LORD) all of them are our equal fellows before God, created and loved by him.

Also fearing God, **humility is nobody's fool nor allows itself to be pushed around**, being divinely wise and emotionally intelligent through the Holy Spirit. **Not fearing people, humility finds it easy to state the truth in love, say no, limit, draw necessary boundaries, wisely disconnect from dangerous people and protect others.**

Also not fearing people, **humility dares to be appropriately *vulnerable*** as an essential part of mutually loving relationships, at a level suitable to each one.

**If we want to know what humility is, then we return to the bloody sacrifice of Christ**, first his brutal, near-fatal flogging, then walking to Golgotha, then taking all human sin upon himself there through his crucifixion. **Because he went through that, what was between us and God now had a door straight through it.** It is almost too profound to contemplate and walking through it to God is the only way to understand it properly. When we do, we have his love poured into us, our sins forgiven, with him showing what *was* us and what now *is* us in him. Truly amazing, and *our* humility can and will show this way through to others in his love:

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' **John 3:16**