

Christ-Like Character – Week 2: Humility: The First of the Virtues

Module Objectives

- Understand the key traits of a Christ-like life (like humility, faithfulness, forgiveness, etc.).
- Learn how to rely on God's power to do what's right.
- Stay close to God so His anointing can work through you to bless others.

Quick Recap from Week 1

- The battle for Godly character is real.
- Virtue (Latin: *virtus*) means strength.
- God shapes our lives to reflect His character.
- Faith helps us make the right choices even when it's hard.
- The 10 key virtues:
 - Humility
 - Faithfulness
 - Forgiveness
 - Courage
 - Integrity
 - Loyalty
 - Diligence
 - Gratitude
 - Compassion
 - Patience

Humility – The Foundation of All Virtues

What Is Humility?

- Humility means being free from pride and recognizing that all we have comes from God.
- A humble person doesn't think too highly of themselves and doesn't seek their own way.
- They trust God and want His will more than their own (Matthew 6:10; 26:39).

Reflection Journal:

- Write one area where you tend to rely on yourself instead of God.
How can you begin to surrender it?

Jesus – Our Example of Humility

- Jesus, though equal with God, became a servant (Philippians 2:5–7).
- He humbled Himself to die on a cross (Philippians 2:8–9).
- He told us to learn from Him because He is humble and gentle (Matthew 11:29; John 13:14–15).
- Humility does not mean feeling guilty or ashamed — it means knowing we are made righteous in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Action Step:

- Choose one small act of humble service you can do for someone this week.
(Examples: help someone quietly, forgive someone, do a task without being asked.)

True Humility Means Believing God

- Humility is agreeing with what God says about us.
- It is not proud to believe:
 - We are blessed (Deuteronomy 28:6, 13)
 - We are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - We are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37)

Insights from Andrew Murray

- Humility means total dependence on God.
- It is the highest virtue because it allows God to fully live in us.
- Jesus had this humility even in heaven and carried it on earth.
- We are like empty vessels that God wants to fill with His power.

How Humility Looks in Real Life

- Treat others better than yourself (Philippians 2:3).
- Serve, respect, and submit to others.
- Celebrate others' success instead of being jealous.
- Stay faithful even when no one notices.
- Don't seek to be praised or honored.

Group Talk:

- What does it mean to “prefer others before yourself”?
- How do you handle situations where you're overlooked or criticized?

Self-Check:

- Think about a recent conversation or conflict.
Did you respond with pride or humility?

Biblical Examples of Humility

- **Children** – Teachable, trusting (Matthew 18:2–4; Psalm 131)
- **Solomon** – Asked for wisdom, not riches (2 Chronicles 1:9–12)
- **Moses** – Called the meekest man (Numbers 12:3)
- **David** – Trusted God instead of fighting back (Psalm 3:1–5)
- **Jesus** – Trusted God and didn’t defend Himself (1 Peter 2:21–23)

How to Respond to Evil

- Don’t repay evil for evil (1 Peter 3:9).
- Turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:39).
- Trust God to take care of justice (Romans 12:19).
- Show humility even under pressure (Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 2:18–19).

Reflection Prompt:

- Have you ever wanted to defend yourself, but felt God asking you to stay quiet?
What happened as a result?

Passing the Humility Test

- God uses hard moments to build humility.
- Don’t run from the process — trust Him through it.
- People who annoy or hurt you may be tools God is using to shape your character.
- Respond with grace — Jesus is living inside you.

Key Verses to Reflect On

- **Philippians 2:3** – “In humility consider others better than yourselves.”
- **Colossians 3:12** – “Clothe yourselves with humility...”
- **John 15:5** – “Apart from Me, you can do nothing.”

Promises for the Humble

| Promise | Scripture Reference |
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| God hears your prayers | Psalm 10:17 |
| God works on your behalf | Psalm 69:32 (NLT) |

| Promise | Scripture Reference |
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| He gives you guidance | Psalms 25:9 |
| You'll enjoy abundant prosperity & peace | Psalms 37:11 |
| He gives more grace | Proverbs 3:34; James 4:6 |
| You'll receive riches, honour & life | Proverbs 22:4 |
| You'll be lifted up | Matthew 23:12; James 4:10 |
| You'll rejoice in the Lord | Isaiah 29:19 |

Wrap-Up: Takeaway Challenge

This Week's Humility Practice:

- Ask God each morning:

“How can I honor You today by putting others first?”

- At the end of the day, reflect:

Did I choose humility today or pride?

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