

# Humility Is A Powerful Motivator

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

True humility that befits a follower of our Lord Jesus stems from their heartfelt appreciation of His sacrifice for their sins, combined with their repentance. This one thing changes everything in a person's view of things in this world. In this email we want to share with you a few insights. First, we want to lay a foundation for you to consider outlining the difference of those who've tasted this type of humility from everyone else who considers themselves, "Christian."

Both groups of people can look around and see what's wrong in the world. For those who lack the humility of their repentance, seeing what's wrong, is all they can see. But for the humble who have been transformed with acceptance with joy, they see what's wrong and immediately ask our Lord what they can do.

When Much Afraid was changed into Grace and Glory and looked down from the mountain and saw the Valley of the Fearings, with compassion for those in the valley, she asked the Shepherd if she could go back to help them be changed also. Humility, acceptance with joy, and bearing the cost all contribute to making a person want to be our Lord's solution to the problem they see. This is who we who belong to our Lord Jesus must be. And, we should ache inside until our Shepherd changes us to be His redemptive representative.

There's a view of everything around them which the humble possess. We'd like to share just one of many experiences, which is far more common than uncommon. It may also help you understand why today's Christianity lacks a redemptive view of the problems in this world: Many years ago we met members of a ministry whose main thrust was to teach how crucial it is that Christians uphold Creationism. The problem was that they presented

their information in such a way that it sounded like they had an axe to grind. (Yes, we both deeply believe that our God created everything in accordance with what He shared of His work in Genesis).

What we want to take away from this is that we realized that the most important aspect of what our Father wanted us to know about creation is Him. That ministry had taken a militant stance against evolution and lost sight of our heavenly Father and His purpose in creation. In their presentation they chose argument about different geological finds that supported their position. Instead of revealing our Father to others, they let themselves get bogged down in debate about geological history. By their very method of ministry they sin and expect our heavenly Father to prosper their endeavor:

*“Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful” (2Timothy 2:23,24).*

We’re sharing this incident from our past for a very important reason. First, the key people we met in that ministry were all plagued by **strongholds of bitterness and pride**. As a result, the demons, not the Spirit of our Lord Jesus, influenced them to take an unblessed approach to presenting truth. And they completely missed the humility to see creation from what our heavenly Father wanted us to appreciate about Him. How dreadful is this? Consider the impact of Paul’s words on those whose lives experience acceptance and joy:

*“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—**His eternal power and divine nature**—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).*

If you're free from strongholds and toxic memories and motivations, and have experienced the humility of repentance that rings loudly in your heart with acceptance with joy, then you also see creation as our heavenly Father's way to understand Him better. You start looking at nature and understand so much more about the power and creative ingenuity of our Father. Like anyone with a creative talent, in appreciating their creation, you appreciate them more because of their creative wisdom.

With our Father's creation it takes humility to actively look for His eternal power and divine nature in all He created—from the smallest particle to the vastness of the universe that is still beyond measurement. And if you have this appreciation of Him that He desires of His children, your trust in Him is bolstered. You're humbled by the breadth and depth of His creative talent and power. The more you learn about Him the more you're aware of the interwoven nature of His creation. For example:

- the interaction between two different organisms living in close physical association;
- the symbiotic and beneficial relationship between aspects in creation.

We can affirm that the more you understand the interwoven aspects of God's creation, the easier it is to understand the interwoven nature of spiritual gifts.

***“The weapons we fight with...have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2Corinthians 10:4,5).***

It's because of the above verse that we are encouraging you to get to the “High Places” of your own pilgrimage of

transformation. In demolishing the arguments and pretensions in your strongholds, and then taking every toxic thought to Christ, you will see our Father and His creation differently. You won't stand up for creation, but rather the Creator, Himself. The time you have left to get to your own High Place of transformation is getting shorter.

If you haven't noticed, the principalities all around the world are coordinating such demonic power that Christianity cannot stand against them. The downfall in our own nation began during the Great Depression. It was the first time in our history a President didn't call for the humility of national repentance. As a nation we've been arrogant fools about ourselves for decades. Just read 2 Kings to understand the consequences for nationwide tolerated sin. It's not pleasant when a nation tolerates widespread sin. When our Father, Who doesn't change, gets angry, He does something about it.

For we followers of Jesus we need to bring glory to our heavenly Father no matter what happens to this nation. We need to lift up our Lord Jesus through ***His love, forgiveness*** and ***compassion*** flowing through us. People don't need to have the Bible preached at them. Christianity has been doing that for centuries. The people in this world first need to see Jesus in those who claim to belong to Him. As one Jewish rabbi stated many years ago, "If Christianity would just live the Beatitudes the world would come through its doors."

Finally, we want to share a point about love forgiveness and compassion towards those walking in darkness. These character qualities don't mean that we don't stand firm in our conviction as we represent Jesus to them. But our attitude is redemptive not defensive or offensive. It's Who we represent that we must be like to those He shed His blood for.

**Mike & Sue**

P.S. We are still waiting for the next step our heavenly Father. We continue to ask for your prayers.