

# Humility

**TEXT:** Matthew 5:1-5; 8:5-10; Isaiah 29:19; 57:15

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 61:1-3; Romans 12:3

**KEY VERSE:** For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. — Luke 14:11

The love of God dwelling in the heart produces humility, a beautiful ingredient in a Christian's life. It is the complete opposite of self-exaltation or a proud spirit. It is not artificial or feigned, but is exhibited in each aspect of a true Christian's life.

**1.** How does God react to one who is humble, as compared with one who takes pride in his own accomplishments? See James 4:6.

**2.** In our Matthew 8 text, the centurion who came to Jesus showed a humble attitude by saying that he was not worthy to have Christ come under his roof. Why is it important for us to have a humble attitude when we come to Christ? Substantiate your answer by Scripture.

**3.** If one is living according to Philippians 2:3 and 1 Peter 5:5, in what way will his relationships with others be enhanced? Give at least one specific example.

4. Does humility come naturally, or will one have to make a special effort to humble himself before God and others? See James 4:10.

5. Jesus said that we should love our neighbor “as ourselves” (Mark 12:31). How can this teaching co-exist with humility?

6. Jesus is our perfect pattern. He is the Son of God, and worthy of all our worship and honor. What kind of an example in humility did He leave us? See Matthew 11:29 and Philippians 2:5-8.

7. How must a sinner come before the Lord when he desires to become a Christian? See Luke 18:13. Why does the Bible tell us in 1 Corinthians 1:26 that not many wise or mighty or noble men are called?

8. Is it possible for one to be proud of his humility? Is this true humility? Explain.