

The Spirit Of The Message Pt21

Humility Pt2

MATTHEW 18:2-4

2. *And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,*
3. *And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.* 4. *Whosoever therefore shall [humble] himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 5013

tapeinoo {tap-i-no'-o}

1) *to make low, bring low*

1b) *metaph. to bring into a humble condition... to assign a lower rank or place to; to abase; to be ranked below others who are honoured or rewarded; to humble or abase myself by humble living*

1c) *to lower... bring down one's pride; to have a modest opinion of one's self, to behave in an unassuming manner, devoid of all haughtiness*

WHAT WENT YE OUT TO SEE? [59-1001]

Now, a lot of people has the wrong impression of Christ. Some people thinks that Christ was a sissy. Christ was the greatest of all men. He was the example Man. Not only was He Man, but He was God-man. He was God with us, Emmanuel. **He was the humblest of men. But you can be too humble. You can get so humble, until the devil will make a puppet out of you.**

He was humble and a--to washing the disciples' feet. He was forgiving enough to pray for those who drove spikes into His hands. But He was man enough to plait ropes and to run the moneychangers out of the house.

DEMONOLOGY IN THE RELIGIOUS REALM [53-0609A]

A humble, submitted heart, in the simplicity, is what brings you to God.

LUKE 14:7-11

7. *And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,* 8. *When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;* 9. *And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.* 10. *But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.* 11. *For whosoever exalteth himself shall be [abased]; and he that [humbleth] himself shall be exalted.*

HEAR YE HIM [58-0126]

...it's that fellow who thinks he's a big man that you can't get along with. Oh, he's just so big you can't touch him. That's the way it goes.

DOOR TO THE HEART [58-0302]

Now, if a man is great, when you talk to him, he will make you think that you are the great one. But you take a man that just thinks he's somebody, he tries to blow himself up all the time, when he's nobody. Just give him a change of clothes and he's a changed person. But **a real big man makes himself small**. That shows that the God of heaven made Himself a foot-washer to mankind. **The way up is down**. *"He that humbles himself shall be exalted."*

That's what's the matter with we people today; we don't want to accept that humility of the Gospel. We want to think we're just a little bit too good: we know a little more than someone else.

INFLUENCES [64-0215]

Humble yourself, see how little you can be...

LUKE 18:9-14

9. *And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:*
10. *Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.*
11. *The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.*
12. *I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.*
13. *And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.*
14. *I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be [abased]; and he that [humbleth] himself shall be exalted.*

BELIEVEST THOU THIS? [50-0716]

That's what's the matter with the Church today: got too starchy, too much pride. Let down, you're in **six foot of dirt** anyhow.

MICAH 6:8

8. *He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?***

THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES [54-0512]

We're in the last day; so be careful. **Walk humbly**. Have a contrite, broken spirit, a humble heart, willing to let the Holy Spirit lead you.

JAMES 4:10

10. *[Humble] yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

I PETER 5:5-7

5. *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.* 6. *[Humble] yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:* 7. *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

ORDINATION [62-1104E]

...if anything that we want to be, is humble, 'cause that's the secret to power, is through humility.

CHRISTIANITY VERSUS IDOLATRY [61-1217]

...the very secret of his power was in humility before God. And we find today that the church, yet teaching its power and teaching the signs to follow the believer, yet we find them puffed out, "*big me, little you,*" and that. It--it isn't like the early Church. You see?

They were humble, and kind to one another, and sweet, understanding. And it's so much different today. And I wonder if a lot of this hasn't sidetracked us from the--the real kernel of--of the Message, that we want to humble ourselves. Keep yourself... The more humbler you can be, the better God will use you.

HUMBLE THYSELF [63-0714E]

You know, people want power, and really they don't know what power is. See, they--they don't really know what--what--what goes with it. The--the way up is down, always. If you want power, see how humble you can get. Just get away from all your worldly thinking, and humble yourself before God, and then you've got more power than the man that runs all over the building and makes a big lot of noise; see, because you have been able to conquer yourself, and commit yourself to Christ, you see, to humble yourself before Him. That's really power.

You show me a church that's humble, real humble, not a--a arrogance; a church, just a sweet, humble church, I'll show you a church that has the favor and power of God in it. That's right. That's the thing it takes, humility, humbling ourselves before God, letting God just work through us.