

Membership † **Discipleship** † Leadership

John 13:34-35 *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

I am a disciple of _____.

A follower of Jesus Christ who studies the scriptures and diligently seeks to comply with what God commands. Jesus said *“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”* (John 8:31)

“Humble Heart”

† Proverbs 4:7 *“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding”*

Humility is a quality that every disciple should possess. A humble person willingly submits to God’s will without resistance. It’s not a sign of weakness; it’s a sign of submission to the will of God. Philippians 2:3 is not leading us to believe that humility is a display of self-esteem or insecurities. Paul warns us *“Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring ourselves by the faith God has given us”* (Rom. 12:3 NLT). This is not to say that anyone else is better off than you. Paul is trying to prevent us from becoming conceited. We are nothing without God. Philippians 2:4 continues to encourage us to not only look out for our own interests, but also for the interests of others. This reiterates what we learned previously in Hebrews 10:24-25 *“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”* So as you look out for the interest of others, others are looking out for your best interest. We’re working together to stir up love and good works. Do not boast about yourself (Prov. 27:1-2). We should boast of nothing but of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 6:14). What causes one to be prideful or arrogant? How can you avoid walking in the spirit of pride and arrogance?

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil. 2:5-11 NIV)

† Romans 12:2 “. . . *be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*”

We should never allow titles and material possessions cause us to be prideful. It’s so easy for us to appear to be humble. John 7:24 warns us to not judge by appearance. It’s disheartening when we see those who are anointed acting arrogant for self-gratification. We are to be examples of our Lord, not to be Lord over anyone (1 Pet. 5:2-6). Christ came to serve, not to be served (Mt. 20:28, Mk. 10:45). Remember, having a form of godliness but denying its power makes people turn away! (2 Tim. 3:5). Jesus said *“learn from Me, for I have a gentle and humble heart”* (Mt. 11:29). Possessing a gentle and humble heart did not put Him in a position to condone unrighteousness (Mt. 21:12-13, Mk. 11:15-17). Humble disciples walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the disciples began to dispute over who would be the greatest, Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, said *“Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great”* (Lk. 9:46-48). Could you imagine how Jesus was feeling about this dispute? The Jews were plotting to kill Him, one of His very own disciples was betraying Him and another would deny Him, and He was preparing the last supper for them to remember Him because He knew what He was about to face. He would be arrested, crucified and nailed to a cross for their sins. With all of this going on, the disciples were concerned about who would be the greatest (Lk. 22). A lot of Pastors are still faced with this opposition. They’re preaching the truth about God’s word so that all may obtain salvation and to strengthen our relationship with God. However, some are concerned with who shall be the greatest in the congregation. Children depend on their parents to love them, care for them, provide for them and guide them. That’s what our Heavenly Father expects from us. To trust Him totally and not become so prideful that we think we don’t need Him. The greatest amongst us is the one who will serve, for the humble shall be exalted (Mt. 23:11-12). Unless you are converted and possess a humbling heart, heaven shall not be your eternal home (Mt. 18:1-4). Can you think of any earthly possession that holds more value than eternal life? There are several scripture references that will help you maintain a humble heart. Each day this week, search the scripture for a bible truth about humility.

† <u>Day/ Week of</u>	Daily Reading	What verse had the most impact?
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 106-110	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 111-115	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 116-120	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 121-125	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 126-130	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 131-135	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Psalms 136-140	

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