

Walk Humbly with Your God
We are a Part of Something Bigger than Ourselves

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Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Humility comes before honor **Proverbs 18:12b, Proverbs 15:33b**

Proverbs 16:18 (other side of the coin)

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Haughty - Disdainfully or contemptuously proud; arrogant; overbearing

Proverbs 15:25

The Lord tears down the house of the proud

C.S. Lewis: "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."

John Ruskin: "The first test of a truly great man is his humility."

He was an English polymath – a writer, lecturer, art historian, art critic, draughtsman and philanthropist of the Victorian era.

20s - figuring things out

30s - you have it all figured out

40s - transition time

50s - realize you don't have anything figured out

A. Figuring things out (20s)

Joseph → Had a dream and told everyone → sold as a slave for it

ME → Abandoned and left homeless in High school

Figure out life - car, gas, insurance, registration, place to live, food, taxes, school

B. You have it all figured out (30s) (like Joseph, you start telling everyone)

Self-Promotion

1. **Numbers 12:1-15** Aaron and Miriam oppose Moses

Aaron was Moses' older brother

Humility is agreeing with God and what He says about you.

2. **Numbers 16:1-40** Korah rebelled against Moses

3. **II Sameul 16-17** Absalom declared himself king instead of David

4. **II Sameul 18:18** Absalom erected a monument to himself

5. Humbled and realized I was a part of something bigger than just me Ex.

C. Transition (40s)

Realize that you don't know what you don't know
Things are so much bigger than you
Things are much more complex than you thought

Joseph:

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Wisdom and knowledge are different

Wisdom, also known as sapience, is the ability to apply knowledge, experience, and good judgment to navigate life's complexities. It is often associated with insight, discernment, and ethics in decision-making.

But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. 2 Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. 3 But whoever loves God is known by God. **I Corinthians 8:1b-3**

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **James 1:5**

D. You don't have things figured out (50s+)

God's ways are higher than ours

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

You realize you have to rely on God for everything

Self-promotion doesn't work - only God's promotion works

for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. **Proverbs 25:7**

nor is it glorious to seek one's own glory. **Proverbs 25:27**

God's timing → Joseph from prison to being promoted to second highest in the land to save God's people.

If Joseph would have short circuited God's process by self-promotion or getting himself out of prison prior to God's timing → he wouldn't have been in a position for God's plan

Asked to be on the elder's team ex

E. Wait on God → Let Him do the promoting

For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends. **II Corinthians 10:18**

1. Yours is all rubbish → Trophies, metals and ribbons

Everything that is not of God is all rubbish and will be burned up

Philippians 3:8

More than that, I count all things as loss compared to the surpassing excellence of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ. More than that, I count all things as loss compared to the surpassing excellence of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Romans 14:11-12

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

I Corinthians 3:12-15

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

2. Actively waiting

be ready in season & out of season to tell others about the goodness of God

Use your giftings and callings from God to promote His Kingdom

3. Walk in a manor worthy of God

I Thessalonians 2:12

Walk in a manor worthy of God and wait for God to promote you in His timing. We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

God’s way

Love God and love others

Put others first

Humility

Serve others

Spirit led

Tell others what God has done for you

Confidence in God

Study the word of God

Man’s way

Seek pleasure for yourself

Put yourself first

Pride and arrogance

Serve yourself

I’m my own man (I did it my way)

Brag about what you have done

Confidence in yourself

Search the internet and books for answers

Money Example - get so familiar with the real thing

F. The inner war:

Galatians 5:16-26

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh war against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit war against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Conclusion - Live like Jesus

Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What do we do?

We love God and love others

We serve God and serve others

We familiarize ourselves with God's word

We obey God