

Volume 2 – Day 25: Humiliation Is Not Humility

Humility is elusive for two reasons. One is that we have not properly defined the term. And two is that we assume that when we are humiliated we have been made humble. Actually when we are humiliated, we are proven to be proud. For it is our pride which causes us to seek acceptance, respect and favor from others. We are humiliated because we have not received any of these three affirmations.

It is also noteworthy that we set ourselves up for humiliation any time we attempt to gain a good reputation with any other human beings. All the others are at the same time seeking the same thing from us. Yet, we are generally so busy trying to gain the favor of others that we fail to favor them. So, a pursuit of affirmation (acceptance, respect and favor) from God, and Him alone, would be the pursuit of humility. And, to be sure, no matter how great our accomplishment or good our intentions may be, many people will still hold us in contempt rather than favor.

When we define humility as having only the concern as to God's affirmation of us, then and only then can we attain it. When I become completely devoid of any interest in my reputation before men and satisfied in God's opinion alone, humility becomes my lot.

Examine your life. Consider your lifestyle. Look at your finest points of service for others in your daily experience. Ask yourself, "Am I looking for affirmation? Am I hoping someone notices the valuable contributions I made?" Or are you satisfied by having done something that pleases God and Him alone? When everything you do or say is only to please God, then and only then is your motive pure.

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

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