

We Are Called to Walk Humbly With God

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Humility is a concept that might be hard to grasp these days. At times, it can appear to be a foreign idea in our individualistic, winner-take-all world. Some might even argue that our culture reinforces the idea that those who practice humility are plagued with a deep-seeded weakness or have a flaw in their human condition.

The idea of humility was probably just as hard to grasp during Old Testament times as it is today. So, when Micah was inspired to pen his infamous passage about walking humbly with God, was he eluding to the fact that God requires us to be comfortably vulnerable and contentedly selfless? Well, yes.

To walk humbly with God simply means that, on our life-journey, we are grounded in the knowledge that God is God, and that we are God's faithful followers. In other words, to walk humbly implies that our relationship with God is the center piece of our journey.

To walk humbly with God also means that we must journey respectfully, equally and authentically with all of our other sisters and brothers, as well. Such a gracious attitude neither allows room for a private agenda nor a notion to be number one. Thus, when put into a daily practice, walking humbly with God means to put aside self-interests in order to serve God and our brothers and sisters whole-heartedly.

When we reorient ourselves to this reality, it deters us from the temptation to make ourselves, our accomplishments, our possessions or status the focus of our journey. Instead, it puts God and other people at the center. When looking at humility this way, we find that this is a very powerful way to live.



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Prayers for Humility



"What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?"


Micah 6:8

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>www.ngumc.org</p>					<p>1 God, guide each step I take so that I walk humbly with you each day. Romans 12:3</p>	<p>2 God, open my ears so that I might learn from the people around me. Proverbs 13:10</p>
<p>3 God, show me an opportunity to serve someone else anonymously. Matthew 6:6</p>	<p>4 God, open my heart so that I can give to others what they need, not what I want to give. Psalm 51:10</p>	<p>5 God, teach me to put others ahead of myself. Philippians 2:3</p>	<p>6 God, give me the humility of your disciples, the ability to drop what I am doing and follow you. Matthew 4:19-20</p>	<p>7 God, may my life's journey be marked by simplicity, kindness and love. 2 Corinthians 9:8</p>	<p>8 God, teach me not to go after power, but to seek opportunities for servanthood. John 13:16</p>	<p>9 God, make me a champion of the poor, the repressed and the underprivileged. Luke 18:14</p>
<p>10 God, teach me to love kindness and show me new ways to work for justice. Micah 6:8</p>	<p>11 God, come into my heart and help me to never again have a "me-first" attitude. Galatians 5:13</p>	<p>12 God, make it clear what I am supposed to do to serve you. Romans 12:6-8</p>	<p>13 God, help me treat each person I encounter with care and concern. 1 Cor. 13:5</p>	<p>14 God, may others know you through me, not because of loud words, but through quite actions. James 4:6</p>	<p>15 God, teach me to live by Christ's example of humility—to serve, not to be served. Luke 22:27</p>	<p>16 God, thank you for sending your son to forgive my sins, despite my failings and shortcomings. Psalm 103:12</p>
<p>17 God, help me remember that children need love, not possessions. Luke 2:7</p>	<p>18 God, when it becomes a chore to go to church, help me remember those who do not have the religious freedom I have. 2 Corinthians 3:17</p>	<p>19 God, lead me to do something today to show someone else that they really matter. 1 Corinthians 12:27</p>	<p>20 God, help me to appreciate my life just as it is right now. Matthew 11:29</p>	<p>21 God, enable me to see my faults and admit my mistakes. Let me never blame others or point fingers. James 5:16</p>	<p>22 God, help me to not take credit for the good that you do. Philippians 2:13</p>	<p>23 God, show me how to love rather than look down upon those people whom I dislike or disagree with. Luke 6:33</p>
<p>24 God, teach me to pray without ceasing and to live constantly appreciating your grace. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</p>	<p>25 God, guide me to find happiness and fulfillment in giving to others, not in gathering possessions. 2 Corinthians 12:9</p>	<p>26 God, bring people into my life who are holy and whose example I might follow. Ephesians 5:1</p>	<p>27 God, I am thankful that no one is out of the reach of your grace. Psalm 10:17</p>	<p>28 God, may my one true success be faithfully following you. 1 Timothy 4:7-8</p>	<p>29 God, support my efforts to love my neighbor even more than myself. Matthew 22:39</p>	<p>30 God, I humbly ask you to guide me, especially in those times that I don't know what to pray. Luke 11:1</p>