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Humility of Mind

Genuine humility is the only power greater than arrogance (Luke 18:14). *Humility of mind* (tapeinophrosune) is a mental attitude of lowliness.

Tapeinophrosune comes from the Greek tapeinos (lowly) and phrosune (system of thinking), therefore tapeinophrosune means a lowly system of thinking. A system of power perfected in weakness.

The words “is sufficient” (arkeo) means to be possessed of unending strength, and the word power denotes dynamic spiritual power.

You cannot accomplish anything in the spiritual life without the divine power. Any achievement attained by human resource and power is bound only to this world. Spiritual achievement attained by spiritual power and resources is bound to eternity.

Satan cannot destroy your spiritual life without your permission and cooperation. Satan destroys the CAB through his own negative volition toward Bible doctrine (NVTBD) and minimal amount of demonic doctrine in the soul.

How do you appropriate the power of God in your life? There are four basic factors necessary for this:

- Continuous residency, momentum and function in the PPOG.
- Abandonment of every known area of arrogance – continuous execution of genuine humility.
- Continuous refusal to utilize the energy and resources of the flesh.
- Continuous endurance in being rejected and hated by the cosmic system.

Genuine humility is despised by the cosmic system but praises the highly minded, the self-sufficient, self-dependent, self-exalted arrogant and the advocates of human excellence above the Excellency of God.

Genuine humility is not an inverted arrogance that disguises itself as lowliness or the pride to be humble. Genuine humility is not the subtle supremacy that enjoys its own self-debasement.

Genuine humility is not cowardice which protects itself by a flattering harshness of self demotion toward self.

Genuine humility is the mental attitude which results from a courageously honest appraisal of self based on metabolized Bible doctrine.

MBD plus an honest appraisal of self plus positive mental attitude results to genuine humility

Arrogance (false humility) presents itself as:

- Exaggeration of one's own failures or flaws
- Reduction or playing down one's own achievements

Genuine humility acknowledges:

- God's bestowal of blessings and gifts in grace
- God's enablement of man in the spiritual service
- God's perfect plan which includes the imperfect man
- God's rejection of man's good work and satanic policy

The phrase "more important" regards others as better and superior. Regards is based on belief not in emotion. To "consider" is to weigh and compare the facts.

The first step to humility is the recognition of arrogance with the objective of gaining genuine humility. Right thinking plus right motivation results to right action.

Moses was:

- Handsome
- Multi-genius
- Excellent architect-builder
- Excellent speaker, orator
- Outstanding communicator
- Excellent writer
- Excellent warrior

Moses made seven decisions of humility (Hebrews 11:23-29):

First: He refused to be called as the son of Pharaoh – he rejected the throne of Egypt. He disregarded his own interests.

Moses has learned that human greatness is not true greatness. Spiritual greatness is a matter of the soul.

Asceticism and self denial leads to self-righteousness. Acknowledging your weaknesses based on MBD leads to spiritual greatness.

Second: Moses chose to endure the ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pressure of sin.

What he did was a decision to accept the will of God, a decision to turn from wrong and turn to the right, a decision of priorities. Moses chose the will of God and put aside his will.

Third: Moses considered the reproach of Christ. He decided to go for the eternal rewards than to enjoy the pleasures of the world temporally.

Moses made his decision based on a system of values and priorities. Moses saw the surpassing values of Bible doctrine than the temporal things of the world.

We are here not to solve the problems of the world by human solutions. One of Satan's most effective schemes is to exhaust the believers in white-washing the cosmic system.

Are you aware how much you have lost due to bad decisions?

Four: Moses left Egypt by faith. The word "left" (kataleipo) means to forsake and utterly abandon. Moses decided to totally abandon all human greatness or status symbol.

He left not fearing the wrath of the King (Thutmose III) and withdrew to the Midian because he was not yet prepared to lead the unprepared people. Moses was not a coward but rather very courageous for he had the courage to wait for God's perfect timing.

The cowards are always grabbing the opportunity. To wait for God's perfect timing takes spiritual courage and the clarity of spiritual confidence toward God. Confidence toward God is developed through doctrinal structure of the soul. By leaving Egypt Moses decided to separate, to deny himself, to accept God's plan for his life, establish his priorities and to trust God for everything.

Five: Moses decided to endure as seeing Him who is unseen. The word "endure" (kartereo) means a vast reservoir of inner strength. To endure is a decision you have to make over and over again.

Hebrews 11:27 By faith⁴¹⁰² he forsook²⁶⁴¹ Egypt,¹²⁵ not³³⁶¹ fearing⁵³⁹⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ wrath²³⁷² of the³⁵⁸⁸ king;⁹³⁵ for¹⁰⁶³ he endured,²⁵⁹⁴ as⁵⁶¹³ seeing³⁷⁰⁸ him who is invisible.⁵¹⁷

Moses did not see God as implied by the poor English translation, *seeing Him who is unseen that* will violate the truth that no one has seen the Father except the Son. Moses saw the divine assets, the escrow blessings which God has prepared in the eternity past.

Moses was motivated to stay focus on the Lord Jesus Christ because he saw the blessings which God has prepared for him.

Six: Moses by faith kept the Passover. Moses decided to keep the Word of God, to apply every doctrine he had learned in life. He decided to obey every word God has commanded Him to do.

He did not argue or complain or grumble but obeyed with ever-increasing positive volition.

Seven: By faith Moses led the Israelites in passing the Red Sea. Moses decided to apply the divine solutions to human problems.