

What is Grace?

1 Peter 5:5, Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

"God resists the proud,

But gives grace to the humble."

(6) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, (7) casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. (NKJV)

GRACE Defined:

Grace is _____ *PLUS*

Grace is the empowering presence of God enabling me

to _____ what God created me to _____

and _____ what He has called me to _____

Evidence of God's Empowering Presence:

1. In the life of _____

Luke 2:40, *And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.* (NKJV)

John 1:14, *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.* (NKJV)

2. In the _____

Acts 4:33, *and with great power the apostles were giving witness tot he resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And abundant GRACE was upon them all.* (NKJV)

Acts 11:21, *The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. (22) News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. (23) When he arrived and saw the evidence of the GRACE of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true tot he Lord with all their hearts.* (NKJV)

GRACE and _____ go together!

Acts 14:3, *So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his GRACE by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.* (NIV)

Ephesians 4:4, *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; (5) one Lord, one faith, on baptism; (6) one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

(7) *But to each one of us GRACE was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.* (NKJV)

John 1:16, *For of His fullness we have all received, and GRACE upon GRACE.*
(NAS)

1 Corinthians 1:4, *I can never stop thanking God for all the wonderful gifts He has given you, now that you are Christ's: (5) He has enriched your whole life. He has helped you speak out for Him and has given you a full understanding of the truth; (6) what I told you Christ could do for you has happened! (7) Now you have every GRACE and blessing; every spiritual gift and power for doing His will are yours during this time of waiting for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
(LB)

3. In the _____

**How did Paul get from
Romans 7:18 - 24
to
Philippians 4:13?**

In Romans 7 he is _____ and _____

In Philippians he is _____ and _____

**We see a dramatic change.
How did this happen?**

ANSWER ° He went through _____

1 Corinthians 15:10, *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. (11) Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. (NIV)*

Act 20:32, *So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (NKJV)*

Humility

**1 Peter 5:5b, "God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."**

GRACE is the empowering presence of God enabling me to be what God created me to be and do what he has called me to do.

We will see today that just as without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6), so it is that without humility it is impossible to walk with God.

Micah 6:8, *He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?* (NKJV)

HUMBLE/PROUD Defined

1. Humble: _____

vs.

Proud: _____

2. Humble: _____

vs.

Proud: _____

3. Humble: _____

vs.

Proud: _____

HUMBLE Defined From Scripture

1. **Describing the Nile River:** _____
2. **Humility means** _____ **with God (Psalm 51:6)**

Humility Illustrated in the Life of Jesus

Matthew 20:20 – 28

John 13

LEADERSHIP AND SERVANTHOOD

(Philippians 2:5 – 8)

v. 6, *Who, BEING in the form of God . . .*

▶ **BEING** is a “circumstantial participle”

▶ Depending on the context, **BEING** might be modified by:

Although

Because

By means of

In order to

While

If

▶ Question: Is **BEING** a concession?

. . . **ALTHOUGH** He was in very nature God . . .

. . . He because a servant . . .

OR

▶ Is **BEING** providing a focus?

. . . **BECAUSE** He was in very nature God . . . He became a servant . . .

LEADING SERVANTS

1. A form of servanthood is _____
2. Leading servanthood involves:
 - ▶ Having strong impact
 - ▶ Having a servant's heart

FOUR TENSION POINTS FOR LEADERS

1. _____

Danger _____

Balance _____
2. _____

Danger _____

Balance _____
3. _____

Danger _____

Balance _____
4. _____

Danger _____

Balance _____

APPLICATION:

1. Learn God's _____ -not _____
2. Learn God's _____ -not _____

Progression of thought in 1 Peter 5:5 - 7: If I allow all the cares of this life and the problems of this life to constantly speak to me and cause me to believe what I feel and see in them, then I can never accept what God says about me; which causes me to never walk in humility which caused me never to receive GRACE. And so God says there is only one way to live: You must learn to take all the problems, all the cares, all the anxieties and cast them on God.

Psalm 51:6, Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

Humility

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But gives grace to the humble.*"

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The FLOWER of Humility

The flower pot is _____

The soil is _____

The nutrients (water & sun) are _____

The FLOWER of Pride: _____

WHY HUMILITY?

God wants to _____ (v.6)

HOW DO I HUMBLE MYSELF?

_____ (v.7)

Caring for yourself produces _____

Learn to deal with _____

*Forgive us our debts,
As we have forgiven our debtors. . .
For if you forgive others when they sin against you,
Your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
Matthew 6:12 & 14*

. . . Be ready to forgive, never hold grudges. Remember, The Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Colossians 3:13 LB)

1. Never retaliate!

Don't take it on yourself to repay a wrong. Trust the Lord and He will make it right. (Proverbs 20:22)

2. Deal with it _____

*Don't sin by nursing a grudge. Don't let the sun go down with you still angry – get over it quickly.
(Ephesians 4:26)*

*. . . go at once to make peace with your brother . . .
(Matthew 5:24)*

3. Forgive them whether they ask or not

. . . Forgive each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.
(Ephesians 4:32)

4. _____ to them

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you . . . you will have a great reward . . . (Luke 6:27 – 28, 35)

THE STEWARDSHIP OF GRACE

1 Peter 4:10, *As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.* (NKJV)

Ephesians 4:29, *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart GRACE to the hearers.* (NKJV)

Stewards of the Manifold GRACE

Manifold means: _____

A STEWARD is one who manages the **goods** and conducts the **business** of another person in their absence.

Expectation to be *Faithful Stewards*
(Matthew 25:14 and Luke 19:12)

WHAT ARE THE GOODS?

1 Corinthians 1:4, *I always thank God for you because of His grace given you in Christ Jesus. (5) For in Him you have been enriched in every way - in all your speaking and in all your knowledge - (6) because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. (7) Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.* (NIV)

Every _____ for doing God's will

Goods reduced to one word: _____

WHAT IS THE FATHER'S BUSINESS?

Luke 4:18, *To preach the gospel to the poor,*

To heal the brokenhearted,

To bring deliverance to the bound,

To bring physical healing to the sick,

To bring salvation to the lost.

Ministry reduced to one word: _____