



## The Power of Quiet Humility

One has to be a human being before he can be anything else in life. Our Lord was human in every aspect, and He pitched His tent among us. The present day malady is that we have too many beings, and not enough humans.

As Christians sometimes we tend to forget the humanity of Jesus and how He lived His life on earth. He carried with Him no appointment book and His life was open to all who came seeking His help. What does it mean to be a human? It means that we do everything in our reach by making ourselves accessible to those who seek our fellowship. On being a human is more than just giving out spiritual formulas, or preaching great sermons, or building churches, or having marketing skills. It is all about being simple, real, transparent and humble, and above all, a Jesus person.

Greatness of men is determined by the humble life they live, the sacrifice they make, and the simple service they provide for humanity. When I feel I am inundated with pride and spiritual arrogance, I take a memorable journey to the hill of Golgotha — quietly, privately, humbly, reverently, and soon I will be on my knees. The renewal of humility begins at Golgotha, where the meek One died, from thence it will spread the world over. To me, humility is true worship. King

Louie, the 9th was a humble believer. He was living in an apartment near a beautiful cathedral in Paris. He was awoken in the middle of

the night by a servant who said, “Come, and see Christ has appeared in the Sanctuary.” King Louie said, “I don’t have to see Him there to believe, I believe and I love Him with all my heart.” Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed” (John 20:29). Christ is with us. We are never alone. He has not forsaken us. God is not solitary. He is involved with every facet of our lives. We are loved by our God and all our affairs are in His hand. We are what we are, and we don’t need any image makers or media consultant. We don’t have to ride on someone’s coattail. Those who know the frailties of human life take no comfort in the praise of men. When the world showers us with praises and accolades, watch out, believers!

Words do not satisfy human craving; but a life lived in obedience, humility and purity gives comfort to the mind. It is very hard for the devil to defeat a humble Christian because where there is quiet humility there is quiet power. A few years ago, I was introduced to a man who touched my heart and I will never forget him. I saw my Savior when I met a village pastor in Nigeria, whose spirit of humility left an indelible mark on my life. He was radiant with the Presence

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In the presence of Jehovah, we feel stripped of all our spiritual and intellectual culture and are forced to admit our total wretched spiritual poverty. We all need to come up to the level of that village pastor in Nigeria. The Christian must live more humanely that the world may see the humanity of Jesus in us. The theological paradigm is shifting rapidly and those who attempt to build the church on the basis of “suffocating materialism” and “personal charisma,” without the humanity of Jesus is spiritually faltering. Today, for all our discussions on religious growth, and superior marketing skills, something is noticeably absent, that is, the humility of Jesus. We are invoking the name of Jesus, while the humility of Jesus is ignored. We are admonished in the scriptures, “...*not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think...*” (Romans 12:3). Thomas A. Kempis was profound when he said; “*The highest and most useful lesson is to truly know yourself and to think humbly of yourself. Making nothing of yourself and always having a good opinion of others is great wisdom and perfection.*” “... *Be not wise in your own conceits*” (Rom. 12:16). Only those who have experienced the forgiveness of their sin in Jesus Christ will consider little of themselves in the way of the cross, and therefore, they have no confidence in the flesh. Conceit is the biggest blunder in human existence. Man is a conceited being, and only through the grace and mercy of God, he can be brought under the cleansing blood of the Lamb. Lucifer, son of the morning star is a perfect



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example of how human conceit works. “*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*” (Isaiah 14:12). Lucifer suffered from the malady of self-exaltation, and he was dealt the strong hand of the Almighty.

There is a little bit of Lucifer’s spirit in all of us!

I believe Christians can change the spiritual landscape of the world by living a life of simplicity and moral purity. Thomas Carlyle, the 18th century Scottish poet was wise when he said, “*Holy living is the best argument that tells for God in an age of fact.*” We do not win the lost by status-quo, or the power of human persuasion. The work of the Lord is not a human endeavor; it is the Spirit of the living God working through obedient and humble vessels. People today don’t need “theological lectures” as much as they need practical lessons on humility.

Christianity must become a force, a force of love and compassion in a hate-filled world;

a force of kindness and humility in a self-centered and arrogant world; a force of optimism and faith where men and women live by doubt and fear. As Christians, we should engage our culture humanely, and with truth and mercy. In Biblical evangelism, we seek no superiority, no honor for ourselves, and always behave in humility and compassion. Jesus is the epitome of quiet humility. He said, “*Learn of me, I am meek and lowly...*” Whenever we suffer from the malady of inhumanity, we simply need to look at Jesus, our example in all things. Being a Christian is more than wearing a label; it is a life that is lived in obedience to God’s will.

We achieve our creative purpose not by accident but by design. It is God who gives direction and purpose and meaning to our mortal existence. Whether we like it or not, we are all leaving tracks or (footprints). Let us make sure our tracks lead others to Christ. “*Examples are better than precepts.*”

To become more humane, people must come to know the humanity of Jesus, and it is in His humanity we see the loving heart of God. Someone has said, “Ego is something that we all possess but no one wants to admit it.” It is well worth to remember that a Christian’s theology must become his lifestyle.

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Sartre once remarked, “*Man is like a leak of gas, escaping into the thin air.*” We delude ourselves into thinking that humanity is becoming more educated, more sophisticated, more advanced, but every now and then the animal instinct in man comes out. Whatever good we possess in ourselves emanates from the Creator, not from the creation. Which is greater—the creation or the Creator? You know the answer, don’t you?

Thomas a Kempis was profound when he said, “*Our hearts are not made happy by words alone. We should seek a good and pure life, setting our minds at rest and having confidence before God.*”

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IN SPEAKING to a group of friends about his work habits, George Washington Carver said: “*First I go into the woods and gather specimens and listen to the things God has to say to me. After I have had my morning talk with God, I go to my laboratory and begin to carry out His wishes for the day. If I fail, it is my failure; and if I succeed, God’s will has been done.*”

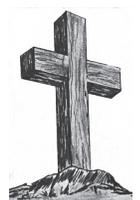
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