

# Humility

## The Forgotten Path

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**Series Thread: To live a God-honoring life in a culture that does not always honor God, we start with keeping our commitment.**

**Message Thread: To have a godly influence in a godless culture, commit to walk the path of humility.**

### **Humility is NOT low self-esteem.**

*Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men,” he said. “Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon. Daniel 1:4 NLT*

### **Humility is NOT weak or soft.**

*Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. “Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water,” Daniel said. “At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king’s food. Then make your decision in light of what you see.” The attendant agreed to Daniel’s suggestion and tested them for ten days.*

**Daniel 1:11-14 NLT**

### **Humility does NOT lack drive or ambition.**

*When the training period ordered by the king was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom. Daniel remained in the royal service until the first year of the reign of King Cyrus. Daniel 1:18-21 NLT*

### **Matthew 20:20-28 NLT**

**“The path to greatness in the Kingdom of God is the path of a humble servant.”**

## **What does the path of humility look like?**

### **1. Seeks good advice.** (Daniel 2:17-19 NLT)

- a.** Who are you turning to for good, godly advice?
- b.** Daniel turned to his friends to seek God’s wisdom.

### **2. Has a teachable spirit.**

- a.** Don’t be afraid to learn something new.
- b.** Learn to ask the right questions.
- c.** Learn to receive input.
- d.** Be humble but courageous, and walk towards growth.

### **3. Acknowledges that God is in control.**

(Daniel 4:28-37 NLT)

- a.** Let go and let God.

### **4. Serves others.**

- a.** It DOES NOT mean we become a doormat.
- b.** It DOES mean we become a servant.
- c.** We must have contact to make an impact.

## **Challenge:**

- What would it look like to show humility and power under control in your most challenging situation?

**Take time to pray that God would reveal areas where you could humble yourself.**

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