

Summer Topical Series - #8
Humility vs. The World– James 4:6-10

0.0 Introduction

The request, and a wonderful exemplar from Korea

1.0 Our Counter-Intuitive Faith

- 1.1 Counter-intuitive: things that seem illogical or out of place...yet are true
- 1.2 Israelite experience counter-intuitive: leave security of Egypt, trust God for desert food
- 1.3 Jesus showed that following him was counter-intuitive:
 - “Many who are first will be last” (Matt.19:30)
 - “Who finds his life will lose it”...”who loses his life will find it” (Matt.10:39; 16:25)
 - “Forgive...70 times 7” (Mt.18:21-22)
- 1.4 Humility – in our culture – also seems counter-intuitive

2.0 The Nature of Humility

- 2.1 Linked with one’s heart - inner self, disposition, attitude (Col.3:12)
- 2.2 Not thinking too much of oneself (Gal.6:3-4; Phil.2:3)
- 2.3 Admits one’s mortal status *and* personal brokenness
- 2.4 Emulating Jesus’ example (Phil.2:5-7)

3.0 The Promises of Humility

- 3.1 It opens doorways to God (Jas.4:6)
- 3.2 It opens relationships with others
- 3.3 Paves roadways to honor (Prov.15:33; 18:12): H + reverence → “riches, honor & life” (22:4)
- 3.4 *Clothe* yourself with it (I Pet.5:5) – let’s try this out more

Next week (August 30) – Summer Topical Series #9
Enduring the Cross – Heb.12:1-2

James 4:6-10 (NASB)

⁶ But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, “GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”

⁷ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.