



FRUIT - Lesson 3: Humility

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY: Parent Notes

Humility and Gratitude are closely related. Humility is not low self-esteem; rather it is recognition of my gifts and a grateful heart toward my heavenly Father who gave me my talents. When I truly understand how valuable I am to the Lord and the price that He paid for me, my response is one of total gratitude.

Humility is the opposite of pride. The Apostle James wrote, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (NLT)

Pride can hinder our worship. Perhaps you are concerned about what others think of you, so you don't sing or lift your hands in worship. When we do this, we push God away. A humble person is not concerned with what others think about how they communicate their love to God.

Money causes people to be prideful. God is not opposed to His people having money, but He does not want money to have you. A prideful person says, "I earned this money and it's mine to do with as I choose."

When you bring your tithe to God, it is an act of humility. You are saying to God, "I recognize that you are the source of all my money." When we teach our kids to tithe, we are teaching them humility.

The measure of our humility is how we treat one another. I think most of us understand that God is greater than us. It's a lot harder to humble ourselves with our brothers and sisters in Christ. "For anyone who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen." 1 John 4:20

"It is a solemn thought that our love for God is measured by our everyday relationships with others." **Andrew Murray**

Our humility toward others is the only real proof that our humility before God is real. The daily tests of character that we experience every day are also tests for eternity, because they prove what spirit possesses us.

In summary, there are three points to cover with your kids.

1. Humility and gratitude are closely related.
2. Humility is the opposite of pride.
3. The measure of our humility is how we treat one another.

BOTTOM LINE:

Humility - The measure of humility is how we treat one another.

MEMORY VERSE:

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6 (NLT)

PRAY FOR YOUR KIDS

"Father God, show (insert your child's name) how to allow humility to be valued." Amen

Pray this prayer each day for your children.

ONE ON ONE

- Humility is measured by how we treat one another.

Here are good questions to ask:

- Are you happy when good things happen to other people?
- Do you tend to use your words to 'dis' someone else?
- Are you "quick to anger" if someone offends you?
- Are you OK if you don't get recognition for something that you did?
- Do you tend to defend yourself if you get corrected?

If anyone has trouble with any of these things, then ask the Holy Spirit for help.

BIBLE STORY

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

READ THE BIBLE

Luke 18:10-14

THE STORY

- Jesus tells a story about two men in the Temple.
- One was a Pharisee - religious businessman.
- One was a tax collector - a fellow Jew who worked for the Roman government collecting taxes. They were often greedy.
- They both stood praying.
- The Pharisees began to loudly tell God all of the good things that he did and how good he was.
- The tax collector knew that he was a bad person, but wanted to change. He quietly prayed to God to forgive him.
- Jesus ended the story by asking whose prayer was answered.
- The Pharisee was not praying but simply talking about himself to God. His heart was not right with God.
- The tax collector was humbled and really wanted to change and knew the only way was with God's help.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. Why did Jesus tell the story of the two men - the Pharisee and the Tax Collector? (He wanted us to see that a measure of our humility is how we treat one another)
2. What is the opposite of humility? (pride)

HOME DEVOTION LESSON

"Thank You" Cards

BOTTOM LINE:

A measure of humility is how we treat one another.

NEEDED:

Box of "Thank You" cards

HERE IS WHAT YOU DO:

- Allow everyone to come up with a list of people they would like to "Thank."
- It can be for a gift or for a simple gesture.
- While writing out "Thank You" cards, talk about why they are thankful.

HERE IS WHAT YOU SAY:

- Today we are going to write "Thank You" cards.
- Humility is measured by how we treat one another.
- A simple "Thank You" card to someone shows them our appreciation for something that they did or even simply who they are.
- It allows us to think about others and get our thoughts off of ourselves.
- When we only think about ourselves, we can become prideful.
- One way to kick pride out is to be thankful for others and what they have done for us.

WORK ON YOURSELF:

1. Are you happy when good things happen to other people?
2. Do you tend to use your words to 'dis' someone else?
3. Are you "quick to anger" if someone offends you?
4. Are you okay if you don't get recognition for something that you did?
5. Do you tend to defend yourself if you get corrected?

If you have trouble with any of these things

- Write it down.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to change.