



*Women Thriving
in a Large Church*

Clothe Yourselves with Humility

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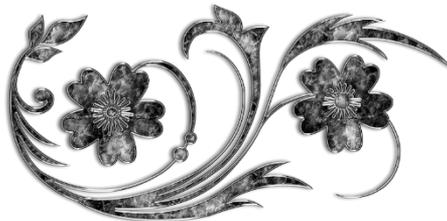
All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

~ 1 Peter 5:5b-7

What is Humility?

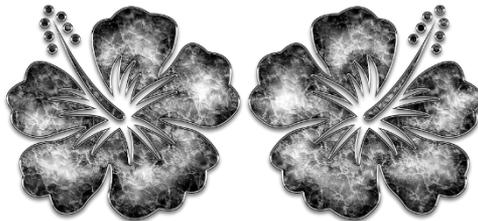
True humility is an inward grace based on a view of our own guilt, weakness, vileness, ignorance, and poverty, as compared with the infinite excellence and glory of God. It is one of the most lovely of all traits of a child of God. It is opposed to all ostentation. It not only hides the other graces of the Christian from the gaze of self-admiration, but it hides itself also. Its aim is not to be thought humble, but to be humble. (William Plumer, *Vital Godliness*)

- What it is **Not**.



- The Opposite of Pride!

There is no sin more abhorrent to God's character. It is as if we were taking the crown from his head and placing it upon our own. It is man making a god of himself—acting from himself, and for himself. Nor is this principle less destructive to our own happiness. And yet it is not only rooted, but it often rears its head and blossoms, and bears fruit, even in hearts which 'hate and abhor' its influence. It is most like its father, the Devil, in serpentine deceitfulness. It is always active—always ready imperceptibly to mix itself up with everything. When it is mortified in one shape, it rises in another, when we have thought that it was gone, in some unexpected moment we find it here still. It can convert everything into nourishment for itself, even God's choicest gifts—yea, the graces of his Spirit. Let no saint, therefore, however near he may be living to God, however favored with the shining of his countenance—consider himself beyond the reach of this temptation. Paul was most in danger, when he seemed to be most out of danger; and nothing but an instant miracle of grace and power saved him from the 'snare of the Devil" 2 Corinthians 12:7. (Charles Bridges, *Psalm 119*, verse 21)



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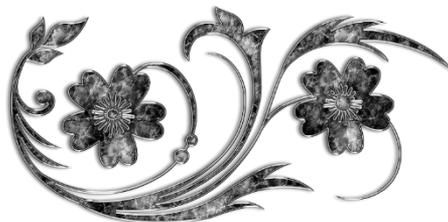
- What does humility toward one another look like?
 - Philippians 2:2-5, 14
 - 1Peter 3:8-11
 - Colossians 3:12-14
 - Ephesians 4:1-3

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- 1Peter 5:6-7
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He will exalt you from the condition of a broken-hearted penitent to that of a forgiven child; will wipe away your tears, remove the sadness of your heart, fill you with joy, and clothe you with the garments of salvation. This declaration is in accordance with all the promises in the Bible, and with all the facts which occur on the earth, that God is willing to show mercy to the humble and contrite, and to receive those who are truly penitent into his favor. (Albert Barnes)

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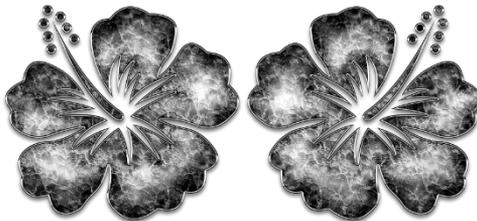
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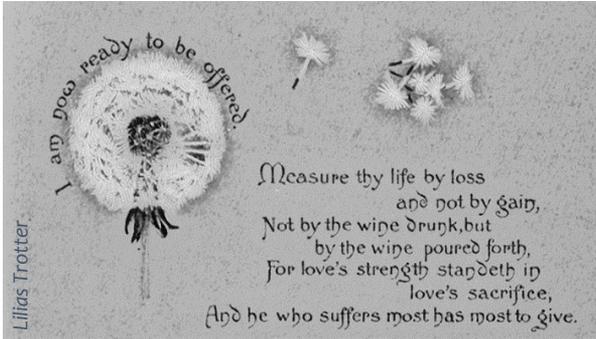
Jesus' Example

Philippians 2:5-9 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point death**, even death on a cross. For this reason also, **God highly exalted Him,....**



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Luke 9:23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.



John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Casting all your cares upon Him because He cares for you!

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