

Humble Yourself Under the Might Hand of God!

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➤ Intro:

- things are easier if we can boil them down, and try to remember one key point whereby we can solve several problems

- **illus. Every Good Boy Does Fine:** taught in grade school, an acronym (memory aid) for the lines on the treble staff: EGBDF

➤ - **If someone asked**, “What one thing can you do, to solve every problem you’ll ever confront in life?”

- **worldly suggestions:** take a self-help class, just follow your conscience, let love rule your life, witchcraft

➤ - **1 Pet. 5:5b-6 Peter’s answer:** humble self under might hand of God, casting anxiety on Him, he will exalt you at the proper time

- **lesson:** Humble Yourself Under the Mighty Hand of God!

➤ Humble yourself under God’s mighty hand!

- **1 Pet. 5:6 humble: to bring low** (Vine’s)

- **each person decides whether to humble himself** – What have you decided for today? – actions?

- **illus.: Buddy**, GA, first time used shock collar, chasing birds, humbled himself (bring low), laid at my feet

- **illus.: children** must decide whether to humble himself under his parents authority, or rebel (Eph. 6:1-3)

- **child who humbles himself, brings himself low, below** his parents’ authority and obeys

- **likewise:** wife to husband, employee to boss, church member to elders

➤ - **What does God want from you?** - **humbly walk with Him**

- **Mic. 6:8b walk humbly** with Him

➤ - **illus.: humility results in success, forgiveness**

- **Lk. 7:36-38, 39, 48 woman, humble, washed Jesus’ feet, tears and hair, forgiven**

- **1 Pet. 5:5b humble, grace, sins forgiven**

- **illus.: #343 Let Him Have His Way With Thee** - review vs. 1, chorus

➤ - **illus.: pride results in failure** – apostles tried to exalt themselves and failed, Bartimaeus succeeded

- **Mk. 10:35-41 James and John asked** to be on Jesus right and left when He came in glory, place of prominence, other 10 apostles became indignant

- **improper request because of their pride**

- **Mk. 10:42-45 kingdom, greatest are those who serve**, not those who are served

- **apostles wanting to be great in secular sense, rather than servants**

- **Mk. 10:46-52 Bartimaeus, likewise asked** “What do you want me to do to you?” – vs. 36, 51

- **Ja. 4:3, 6b, 10 motives** (apostles, Bartimaeus), **humble, grace**

- **We have to be humble, like Jesus!**
 - Jesus is humble – we must humbly walk in His footsteps
 - **Matt. 11:29** Jesus is humble in heart – **pride is a sin, Jesus is humble**
- - **1 Pet. 2:21** Jesus is our example, we follow in His steps
- - **illus.: Jesus demonstrated humility by washing apostles' feet – teaches us to do the same**
 - **Jn. 13:5-11** Jesus washed apostles feet, even Judas', hours before being betrayed
 - **Jn. 13:12-16** lesson
 - **examples of serving (washing feet) today**
 - many of our members visit and call shut-ins / encourage the lonely and discouraged
 - several members teach Bible studies at the church building and away
 - some members care for family in their homes: elderly, sick
 - **Kathy:** took Irene to doctor
 - **Donna:** does Irene's laundry
 - **Tom and Melanie:** have whole congregation over monthly
 - **Charla:** arranges outings so we have an opportunity to spend time socially
 - **Deanne:** cares for children who need a home
 - **children and young people** visit the elderly, send cards
 - many members send benevolence to Christians throughout the world who are in need
 - much more
- - it's not always easy to be humble – **serve others, submit to God**
 - **Phil. 2:5-8** Jesus, difficult things He did to humbly obey
- - **Heb. 5:7-8 illus.: Jesus, garden, prayers, tears, loud crying, hours before crucifixion**
- **God gave Jesus strength – He gives us strength too**
- - **Col. 1:11** strengthened, all power, steadfastness, patience, joyously
- **What must you do? – humble yourself under the mighty hand of God**

- **Blessings resulting from humbling ourselves before God – peace, joy, fulfilling life on earth, eternal life**
 - **1 Pet. 5:5b** God’s grace: temporal and eternal
- - **1 Pet. 5:7** God’s abiding care: cast anxiety on Him – peace, joy, fulfilled life, eternal life
 - **temporal grace:** all needs abundantly met
 - **eternal grace:** salvation in heaven
 - **Ps. 116:6** “The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.”
- - **1 Pet. 5:6b** exalted at the proper time – especially for eternity
 - **Lk. 1:52** (Mary, speaking of God to Elizabeth, after becoming pregnant with Jesus) “He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble.”
 - **Ja. 4:10** Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.
 - **Phil. 2:8-11** Jesus, humble, obedient, cross, exalted above every name, every knee shall bow, every tongue confess – **Heb. 12:2** fix eye on Him, author and finished of faith, right hand of God
- - **Phil. 3:20-21** Jesus will transform our the bodies, humble state to glory
 - **1 Th. 4:16-17** Jesus descend from heaven, shout of angel and with trumpet, dead in Christ will rise first, we who are alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, always be with the Lord
- all must choose
 - Would you rather be exalted by men because of your pride, or exaltation by God because of your humility?
- **Summary / Inv.**
 - If someone asked, “What one thing can you do, to solve every problem you’ll ever confront in life?”
- - Humble yourself under the might hand of God, and He will exalt you at the proper time!
 - song #107 (supplemental): **Humble Yourselves in the Sight of the Lord! And He will lift You up!**
- Will you humble yourself before God today? – if you will, He will lift you up! – take all your burdens away
 - song #603: **Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary**
- inv.