

Attitudes that Matter – Humility and Confidence

Introduction

James 2:19, 26

Humility

Definitions:

- Not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less
- Having an accurate view of yourself
- Lacking pretense

We need humility:

1. To know we need God – Romans 3:23, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Psalm 149:4
2. To depend on God like a child – Mark 10:15
3. To be teachable – Psalm 25:9; Proverbs 11:2
4. To grow in gratitude and awe – 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Ephesians 1:16; James 1:17; Romans 1:21
5. To be like Jesus – Philippians 2:6-8; James 4:6-10

Confidence

Definitions:

- The feeling of belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust
- The state of feeling certain about the truth of something

We need confidence:

1. To be secure through Christ – 2 Corinthians 3:4-5
2. To trust God's forgiveness – Hebrews 4:17
3. To believe that we really are clean – Hebrews 10:19-23, 35
4. To rest in God's love – 1 John 4:16-19
5. To persist in prayer – 1 John 5:14
6. To be bold – Hebrews 13:6; Philippians 1:12-14

Reflection Questions

1. Can you identify times when you have had false humility, not true humility?
2. How would more true humility change your relationship with Jesus?
3. Why is humility important when you read the Bible?
4. Is thanking God a daily habit for you? If not, how can you make this a regular part of your life?
5. Are there areas where God is challenging you to grow in confidence in his love and forgiveness?

Action Steps

1. Sign up to pray 20 minutes daily for the next 4 weeks – 1 John 5:14
2. Memorize:
James 4:10
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Hebrews 13:6
So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"
3. Ask God for opportunities to boldly share your faith with those who don't know Jesus yet.