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### **Leading Like Jesus**

Leadership doesn't have to be confusing; Jesus shows us the way. True leadership doesn't start with skills and knowledge — but with character and integrity. Jesus took a path not many of us choose to take. He chose to be the role model of what servant leadership looks like. A life of faith and a humble spirit make you a leader worth following. By embracing the heart of Jesus, you can positively impact those around you. Rely on the Lord and you will see lives transformed, beginning with our own.

### Leading With Humility

To serve others, the Son of God made the decision to be humble. He gave up his divine status for our benefit rather than using it to his own profit. What a surprise! Death, salvation, obedience, service and humility. As his followers, we are called to emulate Jesus' humility.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love.

Galations 5:13 ESV

### What is Humility?

Humility, first, is a downward disposition of the soul. Scripture refers to it as a lowly spirit. Proverbs 29:23 states, "One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor." God likewise declares through his prophet, "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit," (Isaiah 57:15). Sadly, the exact opposite was what characterized the nation of Israel in the wilderness. They perished under God's judgment because "their [collective] heart was lifted up" (Hosea 13:6). The humble heart is one that is not lifted with the illusion of self-sufficiency and the aim of self-glory.

A popular notion of humility is that it entails forgetting about ourselves. Instead, humility is the internal frame of heart that results from seeing ourselves as we really are. The problem of pride is not

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# Prayer is the Way

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Carrie Wilson

### Leading Like Jesus

that it sees the self, but that it sees the self wrongly. Humility is putting the self in its proper place before the glory of God. As John Calvin famously argued in the opening of his Institutes, "Man is never sufficiently touched and affected by the awareness of his lowly state until he has compared himself with God's majesty."

**Food for thought:** We are loved by the Lord to love for the Lord.

Here are some verses that give context on humility:

- John 15:13
- 1 John 4:16
- 1 Corinthians 13:4
- John 13:34



### Heat Safety Tips

To stay safe in hot weather, remember to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, seek cool places like air-conditioned buildings, and wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Schedule outdoor activities for cooler times of the day, take frequent breaks, and avoid strenuous activity during peak heat. Also, be aware of the signs of heat-related illness and check on vulnerable individuals like children, the elderly, and pets.

# August 2025

| SUNDAY  | Monday                              | TUESDAY                      | WEDNESDAY  | Thursday  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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### **PSALM OF CHRIST**

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#### Psalm 22

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MY GOD
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#### **Bonus Trivia**

What transportation disaster befell the apostle Paul as he was traveling to Rome to stand trial before Caesar?

Shipwreck. (Acts 27:21-44)



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### God loves your need.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 4:19

Food, clothing, shelter. All the basic needs of life, right? Oh, and maybe chocolate. God knows all that you need and He promises to provide all that you need. But you have one need that is greater than any other—the need for Someone to do for you what you can never do for yourself. You need Some-

one to wash away every mistake, every bad decision, every willful wrong choice. You need Someone to save you—so God sent a Savior.

The day you realize that He is your greatest need is the day you go running to Him—which is why God loves your need.



