

Christmas

#2: Imitating the Values Jesus Modeled At Christmas

1. Imitate the _____

Ephesians 4:2 *Always be humble and gentle.*

Humility: *Having an accurate view of ourselves - Including our strengths, weaknesses & limitations.*

The noble choice to forgo your status, deploy your resources or use your influence for the good of others before yourself.

a) _____ to pursue humility

1 Peter 5:6 *So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.*

b) Learn to _____ yourself correctly

Romans 12:3 *Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.*

c) Put yourself _____

Luke 14: 10-11 *Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

2. Imitate His _____

a) _____

Romans 12:16 *Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

b) _____

Hebrews 4:16 *So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

Philippians 2:3 *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Deuteronomy 8:14 *then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God.*

2 Chronicles 32:25 *But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit he received, because his heart was proud; therefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem.*

James 4:10 *Be humble in the Lord's presence, and he will honor you.*

1 Peter 3:8 *Finally, all of you should be of one mind, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.*

Galatians 6:3 *If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.*

Philippians 2:3-8 *Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form¹ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

Proverbs 16:18-19 *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.*

Proverbs 18:12 *Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.*

Proverbs 21:4 *Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin!*

Proverbs 22:4

Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.

Proverbs 25:9

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Proverbs 26:12

Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him..

Proverbs 27:2

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.