

GETTING COMMITTED

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INTRODUCTION:

A. We must choose and keep on choosing.

"God blesses those who are humble for they will inherit the whole earth." – Matthew 5:5

B. Humility or meekness is not weakness; it is a choice.

C. We do fall short, falter and fail in life and faith: "To err is human..."

- "I am not God."

D. What brings substantive change to our life?

I. HUMILITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOD'S WAY FOR HUMANITY

A. What is humility?

- It means being mild mannered. But it also means....

B. Humility is strength under control (like the life of Jesus).

He is your example, and you must follow in His steps. He never sinned...

He did not retaliate when He was insulted nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He (humbly) left His case in the hands of God, who judges fairly. – I Peter 2:21-23

- Moses was very humble, too

...more humble than any other person on the earth. – Numbers 12:3

C. A humble person knows that God is holy, and they are not.

"God, your God, is the God of all gods, He's the master of all masters, a God immense and powerful and awesome." – Deuteronomy 10:17 (The Message)

- God is to be worshiped, not us.
- We want other people to be awed by us.

D. Humble people are people who understand who they are and whose they are in Christ.

- Not less than human, not superhuman, but fully human.

"My purpose [in coming to earth] is to give them a rich and satisfying [meaningful] life."

– John 10:10

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God.

– I John 5:1

II. GOD CHOOSES US SO WE CAN CHOOSE HIM.

A. We have to choose Christ and keep choosing Christ (commitment).

- Regeneration AND Sanctification
- "It's an over and over again decision." — Pastor Doug Fields

Don't you realize that whatever you choose to obey becomes your master? You can choose sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God which leads to righteous living.

– Romans 6:16

B. Not just some but in all.

- What a challenge!
- All means everything.

"So, no one can become my disciple without giving up everything for me." – Luke 14:33

CONCLUSION: