

## Lesson Four

# A MAN OF HUMILITY

God used David because he was a man of integrity. But God saw more than integrity in David's heart.

He also saw humility. In this lesson we note:

### Humility In David's Life

### Humility In The Bible

### Humility In Our Lives



*An anointing horn was made of an animal's horn and filled with a special compound of olive oil, myrrh, cinnamon, sweet calamus, and cassia (Exodus 30:22-25).*

## David's Anointing

When Samuel anointed David king, his family clearly understood the significance.

1) **The oil was holy** and could never be carelessly used (Ex. 30:32-33).

2) **Anointing carried divine authority.** When a person was anointed king, no one questioned it, even if they didn't care for the person anointed (2 Kings 9:11-13).

3) **The anointed person was considered holy** (separated unto God) (Ex. 30:22-33; 1 Sam. 24:6-7) and enjoyed divine favour (Psa. 23:5; 92:10).

4) **The anointed person had special power from God** (1 Sam. 10:1, 9; 16:13; Isa. 61:1; Zech. 4:1-14).

Thus, in the NT, anointing was applied to the outpouring of the Spirit of God (Acts 10:38; 1 John 2:20, 27).

## Humility In David's Life

### 1. Honor Did Not Spoil Him

- 1) He was anointed as the future king of Israel
- 2) He played the harp before Saul

### 2. He Freely Admitted His Shortcomings and Sins

Humility is being honest about oneself

- 1) He was honest about his shortcomings
- 2) He was honest about his social standing
- 3) He was honest about his sin

### 3. He Gave God Glory for Every Victory in His Life

## Anointing Oil Compound

- ◆ 2 pints of **Olive Oil** — the main ingredient and base for the anointing oil
- ◆ 5,000 grams of **Myrrh** — an aromatic gum from a shrub
- ◆ 2,500 grams of **Cinnamon**
- ◆ 2,500 grams of **Calamus** — a gum from a reed similar to sugar cane
- ◆ 5,000 grams of **Cassia** — an aromatic substance taken from the bark of the Cassia tree (normally ground into powder)

In spite of the great significance of his anointing, David went back to the fields to care for his sheep with the holy anointing oil still upon his head!



**Noah**  
A humble builder

*Noah never thought of greatness. He simply obeyed the Lord. For 120 years he thought of himself as a mere carpenter. The men of his day mocked him and scorned his efforts. His humility was seen in his faithfulness and obedience to the Lord's command.*



**David**  
A lowly shepherd

*David's humility is seen in his willingness to go back to the sheepfold after serving as the king's assistant. He would later call himself a mere "dog and flea" compared to King Saul. While running from Saul, he spent ten years in the wilderness serving others by guarding their flocks.*

## Humility In The Bible

Humility is a requirement for godly leadership. One may be a leader without humility, but you may never be a *godly* leader without humility.

### Biblical Definition Of Humility

Biblical humility is an attitude based on four basic ingredients. Humility ultimately results in sacrificial service to the cause of God.



David's life is an example of godly humility, while Saul's life was an example of worldly pride.

AREA	DAVID'S HUMILITY	SAUL'S PRIDE
VIEW OF GOD	EXALTED	LOWLY
VIEW OF SELF	LOWLY	EXALTED
SUBMISSION	VOLUNTARY	INVOLUNTARY
OBEDIENCE	WITHOUT QUESTION	SELF-CENTERED

### World's View Vs. God's View Of Leadership

WORLD'S VIEW	GOD'S VIEW
Focus on power	Focus on submission
Concerned with gain	Concerned with giving
Uses others	Serves others
Strives to lead men	Strives to follow the Lord

## Humility In Our Lives

David, the humble shepherd of Israel, is well qualified to speak to us about humility. In Psalm 10 he describes the proud man and the humble man. Which qualities of these two men are in your life?

### The Proud Man

- |           |   | Sometimes<br>in my life  |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| v. 2:     | Persecutes believers (criticizes, mocks, accuses the godly)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 3:     | Presumes (lives as though he will be here tomorrow)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 4:     | Prayerless (seldom prays for God's guidance)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 5:     | Puffs at the righteous (sullen, disgusted attitude toward godly people, no concern for future judgment) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 6:     | Preposterous (makes statements that defy logic and sound reason)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 7:     | Profane (curses, lies, gossips)   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 8:     | Pretends (fakes godliness)  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| vv. 9-10: | Pounces up on the innocent (waits for the godly to make a mistake, then is quick to judge them)         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 11:    | Is perverted (doesn't believe God sees his sin or will punish him because of his sin)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### The Humble Man

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| v. 12:     | Practices the presence of God                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 14:     | Conscious of God's omniscience and defense of the humble | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 16:     | Conscious that God is the eternal King                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| v. 17:     | Knows that God hears the prayer of the humble            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| vv. 17-18: | Knows he is under the protection of God                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |



**Joshua**

A lowly servant to Moses

*Joshua faithfully served Moses for over forty years. He meditated on God's Word day and night so that he could have good success.*



**Dorcas**

A seamstress for widows

*Dorcas was a simple Christian living in Joppa. Acts 9:36 describes her as "full of good works and deeds." She spent her days making coats and garments for the widows of the church.*

*Her death brought such grief to the widows of Joppa that they sent for Peter who raised her from the dead. Little did this lowly woman know that she would be immortalized in Scripture for her faithful service.*