



# Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center

Sunday Study  
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# January's theme: **The Blessings**

- Week 1: Obedience: The path to God's Blessing
- **Week 2: Humility: The place of God's Blessing**
- Week 3: Knowledge: Understanding God's Blessing
- Week 4: Mission: Utilizing God's Blessing

# The Blessing of The Lord

## Part 2: Humility the place of blessing

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1 Peter 5:6

# Humility: Is the foundation of faith



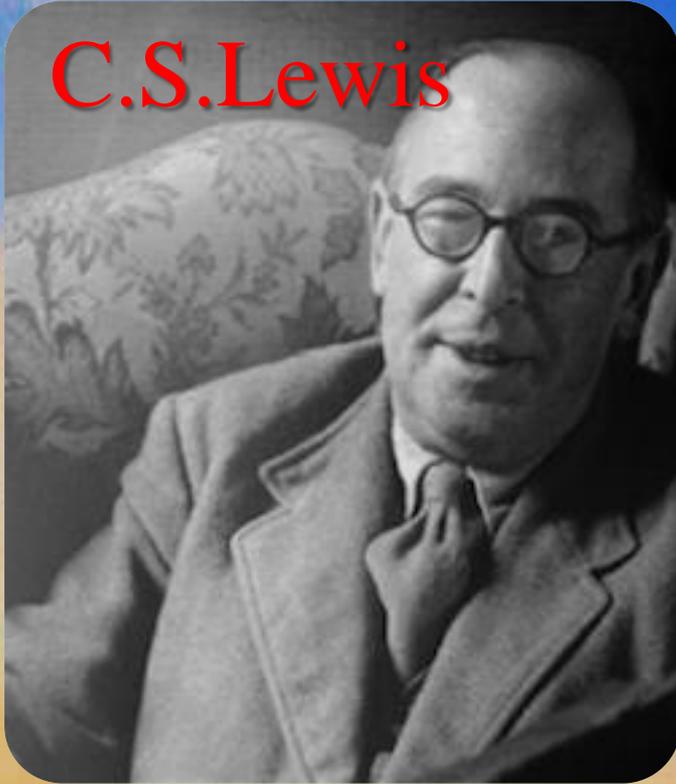
*Saint Augustine of Hippo*

Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance.

- **Saint Augustine**

# Humility: Definition

C.S.Lewis



“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, It is thinking of yourself Less” C.S.Lewis

A lowering of oneself in relation to others, a state or the act of being humble, a freedom of pride and arrogance, and having a modest opinion or estimate of one's own worth.

**synonyms:** modesty, humbleness, meekness, diffidence, unassertiveness; lack of pride, lack of vanity; servility, submissiveness

# Opposites: Antonyms



The humble man  
makes room for progress,  
The proud man  
believes he is already  
there.

- Pride
- Arrogance
- Self-Importance
- Conceit
- Haughtiness
- Superiority
- Pretension

**Pride is concerned with who is right.  
Humility is concerned with what is right**

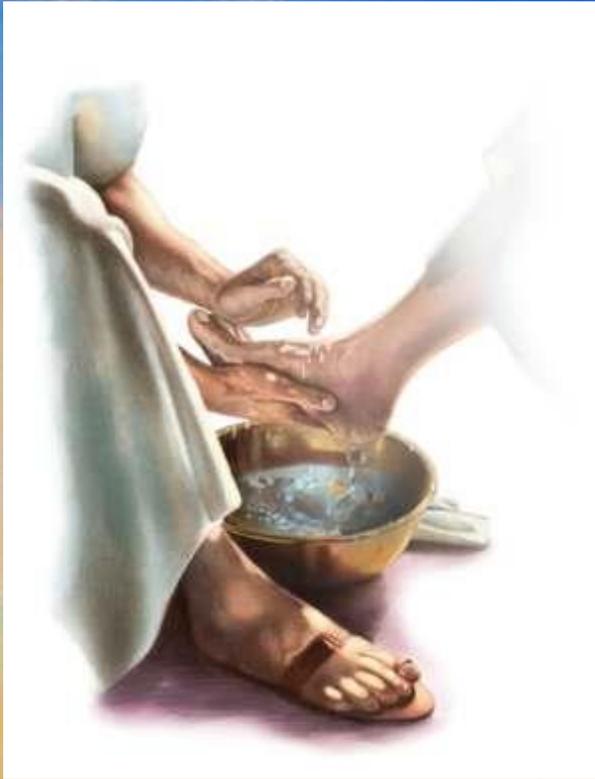
# The Place of Blessing

**FOR EVERYONE WHO  
EXALTS HIMSELF WILL  
BE HUMBLLED, AND HE  
WHO HUMBLLES  
HIMSELF WILL BE  
EXALTED.**

**LUKE 14:11**

- Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

# Why should we be humble ?



**Luke 12:25** And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?  
**26** If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

- We are not in control!
- James 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
- **14** Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.
- **15** For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

# Humility:



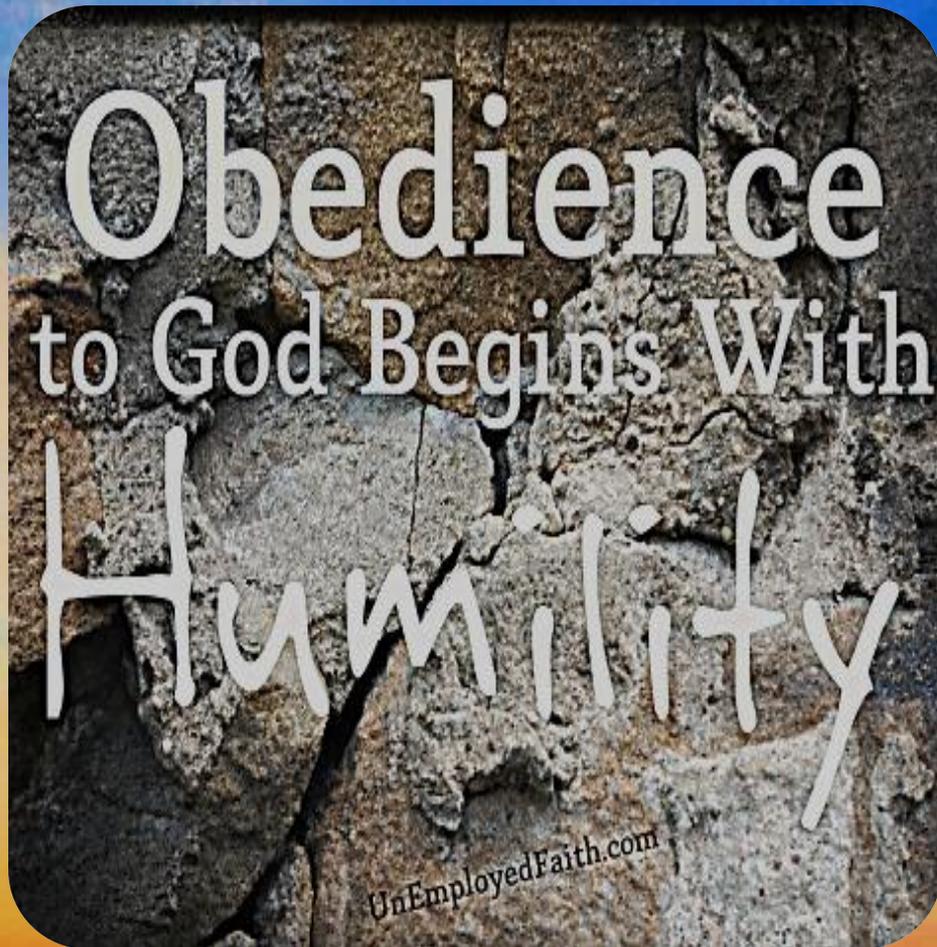
Luke 18:9 ¶And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

# Humility:



12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.  
13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

# Trials come to make us humble . . .



- Deuteronomy 8:3 **And he humbled thee**, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

# Our example



- Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

# Humility the place of blessing



- James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
- If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
- 2 Chronicles 7:14