**Jesus, The Humble Servant**

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In the person of Jesus Christ, one can see the meaning of true humility. It is unfortunate that some have a wrong concept of this admirable virtue. Humility is not an inferiority complex that causes one to shrink from action. It is not being shy or embarrassed in the presence of others. Nor is humility a reflection of weakness in one's character; rather, it is a sign of strength. It is not the lack of firmness in addressing an issue. Yet, its firmness does not exhibit the arrogance and pomposity which sometimes accompany dealing with others.

In Jesus we can see that humility is a lowliness of spirit that is deliberately adopted, taking a subordinate position voluntarily when an opportunity for service appears. Lowliness of spirit and the willingness to serve cannot be found in one whose vision has been blurred by a distorted sense of his own importance. Pride and ego are the opposites of humility.

The Savior declared to His disciples, ***"I am in the midst of you as he that serveth"*** (**Luke 22:27**). ***"I am meek and lowly in heart,"*** he stated in **Matthew 11:29**. The majestic Lord and Master of all, the Creator of the universe, the eternal God in human form casting Himself in the role of a humble, lowly servant! It seems incredible that the King is serving His servants! This is the One who came ***"not to be ministered unto, but to minister"*** (**Mark 10:45**). His entire life and teaching show those words not to be hollow expressions, but true descriptions of His ministry.

In the New Testament portrait of Jesus, one can easily see the many indications of humility and service:

1. Observe the total absence of the pomp, splendor and glitter which human pride would have used to impress the world. He was of humble circumstance in His birth (**Luke 2:7**). He was brought up in the home of a carpenter (**Mark 6:3**). He was sometimes even without a place to call home or a place to lay His head (**Luke 9:58**). Our Lord willingly accepted such a lowly position. It may be in our day that the trappings of affluence and the desire to make a display before worldly men get in the way of our being like Jesus in serving others. (conclusion on the back)