Lesson 21: Humility-Doing Things God's Way

Scripture Memory – 2 Peter 1:5-8

Scripture Verse

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5-8

Target Truths

- God does not want us to be puffed up with pride but instead to have a humble spirit that gives Him first place to our lives.
- Men may judge us by how we look and act outwardly, but God judges our inner character.
- David's life is an example of the way God judges inner character.

Vocabulary

- Humility: letting God have His rightful place in one's life.
- Pride: an overly high opinion of oneself; haughtiness
- Ruddy: tinged with redness
- Countenance: the appearance of a person's face

Character Trait

Humility: Recognizing that God is far greater than I am and that He has the right to control my life



Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18

Beatitudes "Poor in Spirit"

What is the meaning of pride? An overly high opinion of oneself; haughty

If you have too much pride, are you usually doing things your own way or God's way? Doing things my way

Why do you think God wants you to be "poor in spirit"? God wants to bless my life, build my inner character, and encourage me to let Him exalt me in His way and in His time rather than my exalting myself now.

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God's Design for David

- How did God design David to look? Vs 12 <u>Ruddy, with</u> <u>handsome features</u>
- Describe the family God gave David. <u>David was the youngest of eight sons and his father loved the Lord.</u>
- What work (job) did God give to David while he was young? <u>He was a shepard.</u>
- What was the plan for David's future? God had chosen David to be the next king of Israel.

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God's Design for David

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

-1 Samuel 16:7

According to 1 Samuel 16:7 what is the difference between the way man sees things and the way God sees things? Man looks at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart.

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The Ways of Man vs. The Ways of God

- 1. Man's way lead to destruction.
- 2. The ways of evil people are dark.
- 3. Destruction and misery are in man's ways.
- 4. The Bible calls man's way crooked.

- 1. God's way is perfect.
- 2. David wanted God to lead him in the everlasting way.
- 3. All who walk in God's way are blessed.
- 4. God's ways are just and true.
- 5. The ways of the Lord are right.
- 6. God's ways are higher than our ways.

Lesson Review

- 1. Letting god have His control of your life is humility.
- 2. The Beatitude that means the same as humility is "Blessed in the poor in spirit".
- 3. God designed us for a specific purpose.
- 4. God's design for David was for him to be good looking.
- 5. While David was young, it was God's plan for him to be a shepherd.
- 6. God's future plan for David was for him to be the next king of Israel.
- 7. According to 1 Samuel 16:7, man looks on the outer appearance but the Lord looks on the heart.
- 8. According to Proverbs 2:13 man's way are darkness.
- 9. According to Psalm 18:30 God's way perfect.
- 10. Following the ways of God leads to life.