

# Month 4 Week 4

# **HUMILITY & HOLINESS**

Humility is being able, with the Spirit's help, to see ourselves as we really are. If we have not accepted Christ, we need to see the truth of our situation. The reality is that we have not accepted the only One who can save us. If we are saved, our reality is a life in Christ. We are called to holiness, even to being holy as God is holy. We don't accomplish holiness, we are made holy by our Father. He has set us apart as His treasured possession. We might not feel very holy, but by faith we need to accept that as the reality that we live in. I am His, and there is not much more about me that really matters.

Making it Mine

A Bible study for kids ready to grow a faith of their own.

When I walk with God, then longer do I follow the rules just to keep out of trouble, but rather to please the very source behind the rules: God. His love becomes so much a part of me that loving others puts me in line with God's rules. This humility allows us to obey authority, love other people, and accept the flaws of those whose faith is weak. Our acceptance of one another promotes a unity that neither inferiority nor superiority can accomplish.

Jesus gives us the perfect example of humility by becoming a human, yet not stooping to sin. Weakness was His reality, but so was His strength and identity in the Father. It is the same reality that we have. We can do all things through that strength, including becoming a servant to all apart from an effort to please all. Humility and holiness converge into one and, like Paul, we find that to live is Christ, and to die is Christ. Whether we live or die, it is for Christ.

<mark>humility</mark>	means: _	
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<mark>holiness</mark>	means: _	

### **READ:**

Romans 13-16 Philippians 1-4

Heart graffiti:

"... Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

Romans 12:3

#### **SELF-ESTEEM**

If a person's esteem is based on the praise they receive for achievement, looks, skill, intelligence, or even good behavior – what happens when those fail?

Humility is about God esteem; our esteem for Him and His esteem for us. We don't think of ourselves more highly than we ought, but **as** we ought.

What do you think that means? \_\_\_\_\_\_
What things make you feel best about yourself? \_\_\_\_\_\_
Where did those come from? \_\_\_\_\_\_
How would you feel if you did not have them anymore? \_\_\_\_\_\_
What did Paul feel good about? \_\_\_\_\_\_



### THINK ON THESE THINGS

Name something about yourself that fits each of these words from Phil. 4:8: True: Noble: \_\_\_\_\_ Right: \_\_\_\_\_ Pure: \_\_\_\_\_ Lovely: \_\_\_\_\_ Admirable: \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent: \_\_\_\_\_ Praiseworthy: How is God involved in these? Are these the things that you think about? What are some of the things that we have learned from Paul that we need to put into practice regarding our humility? Our holiness? In Phil. 4:17 Paul says that he was looking for what could be credited to the Philippians account. In other words, he looked for what they were doing right so that he could encourage them in that. Is that what you look for in others? In yourself? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it harder to find the good in yourself or in others?



# **PUZZLE PAGE**

## **PHILIPPIANS**

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### Across

- **4.** what Paul wanted Christ to be 1:20
- 7. where our citizenship is 3:20
- 8. think about this 4:8
- 9. ours should be the same as Christ's 2:5
- 13. look to that of others as well as yourselves 2:4
- **14.** everything compared to gaining Christ 3:8
- 15. Paul was in these for Christ 1:13
- **16.** Christ made in this likeness 2:7
- **17.** press on toward this 3:14

### **Down**

- 1. what Paul has learned to be 4:11
- **2.** give these to God 4:6
- 3. let this be seen by all 4:5
- **5.** Paul prays for this to abound more and more 1:9
- 6. don't be this about anything 4:6
- 10. do this without complaint 2:14
- 11. live up to what you have already \_\_\_\_\_\_
- **12.** shine like these 2:15

### **PERT PLAN**

This is an acronym for the qualities that Phil. 4:8 tells us to think on (P for PURE, E for EXCELLENT, etc.). Cut out the letter cards, making more than one copy if you have more than 8 children. Assign a topic, like themselves, or school, or their siblings. The kids draw a letter, name the quality that it stands for, and then name how they see that quality in the assigned topic.

