

SO, YOU WANT TO BE LIKE CHRIST? EIGHT ESSENTIALS TO GET YOU THERE

HUMILITY: BOWING LOW

1 PETER 5:1-7



The Heart of the Matter

Humility is a spiritual discipline that does not come naturally or easily, because we are, by nature, self-absorbed creatures. We do not submit easily to others. We are preoccupied with how we appear, we protect our image and reputation, we fight for our personal rights, and we usually find it difficult to admit when we are wrong or have failed. Therefore, today we need to invite God's Word to instruct us . . . and, where necessary, to correct us and reprove us.



Discovering the Way

1. Initial Considerations on Humility

Though humility is a Christlike virtue, in the world it is not usually admired and it is rarely modeled. Many regard it as a sign of inferiority or insecurity. Therefore, it isn't easily demonstrated today.

2. Instruction from Three Significant Individuals

Biblical humility can be illustrated from three passages of the Bible: a day in the life of Jesus and His Twelve (Mark 10:35-45); an insightful reminder from Paul (Philippians 2:3-11); and a few penetrating words from Peter (1 Peter 5:1-7).

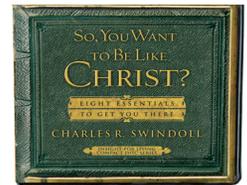


Starting Your Journey

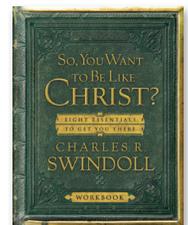
We must all add humility to our walk with Christ. To do this, we need to *sit on* promoting ourselves, *stand up* for the needs of others, and *bow down* before our God.



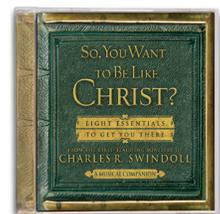
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