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Humility is the queen of graces.

1. Learn Humility.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

2. Love humility.

John 13:14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

3. Walk with all humility.

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

4. Seek humility.

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

5. Be clothed with humility.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6. Serving the Lord with all humility.

Acts 20:19 Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

7. Christ's humility.

Philipians 2:2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Matthew 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Humility wals consistently, loves generously , serves willingly, acts meekly, forgives generously, forbears thoughtfully and responds obediently.

Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love

II Chronicles 7:14 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.

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The mistakes of the disciples of Jesus

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. - Luke 6:40

1. Panic stricken disciples

Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

- Matthew 8:25

2. Misunderstanding disciples

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

- Matthew 14:26

3. Fault finding disciples

But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?"

- Matthew 26:8

4. Impotent disciples

So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

- Matthew 17:16

5. Lukewarm disciples

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

- Matthew 26:40

6. Unsteady disciples

But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

- Matthew 26:56

7. Self willed disciples

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

- Mark 10:13

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Conditions to receive the Holy Spirit.

1. Prayer.

Lk 11:13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

2. Forgiveness.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

3. Desire.

Jn 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

4. Faith .

Jn 7: 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet , because Jesus was not yet glorified.

5. Obedience.

Acts 5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and also the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

6. Waiting,

Luke 24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

7. Laying on Hands.

Acts 8:17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

8. Listening to the spiritual messages.

Acts 11:15 "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.

16 "Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

17 "If therefore God gave them the same gift as us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

Supporting verses.

Mk 1:8 "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

I Thess 4: 8 Therefore he who rejects does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

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Your adversaries shall disappear

"Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought." - Isaiah 41:12

1. Torturous enemy

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

- Exodus 14:30

2. Treacherous enemy

3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

- 1 Samuel 31:3-5

3. Trickish enemy

And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

- Isaiah 37:38

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"THE THREE LOVES OF A DISCIPLE"

INTRODUCTION

1. In the Great Commission, Jesus wanted His apostles to make disciples... - Mt 28:19-20

a. A disciple is a learner, a follower, an adherent

b. Jesus wants us to learn from Him - cf. Mt 11:28-30

2. What does Jesus expect of us...?

a. Discipleship involves many things

b. But especially that we love - cf. 2 Pe 1:5-8

3. But one might ask...

a. What are we to love?

b. How can we best manifest our love?

I. THE THREE LOVES DEFINED

A. LOVES THE LORD...

1. Jesus taught we should love God - Mt 22:37

2. His disciple John wrote that loving God must also mean loving His Son - 1 Jn 5:1

3. Jesus expressed the same thought as John, but conversely - Jn 15:23

-- A disciple of Jesus is one who loves both the Father and the Son

B. LOVES THE BRETHREN...

1. Jesus made this love a mark of true discipleship - Jn 13:34-35

2. John made it a sign of spiritual life - 1 Jn 3:14; cf. 1 Jn 2:9-11

-- A disciple of Jesus is one who loves his fellow disciples

C. LOVES THE LOST...

1. God the Father certainly loved the lost - Jn 3:16
 2. Jesus likewise had compassion for the lost - Mt 9:35-38
 3. Paul had great concern for the lost - Ro 10:1; cf. 1 Co 9:19-22
- A disciple of Jesus is one who loves those who are lost in sin

II. THE THREE LOVES DEMONSTRATED

A. THROUGH WORSHIP...

1. This is how we can best demonstrate our love for God
 2. Assuming that our worship is in harmony with what Jesus revealed
 - a. That it is in Spirit and truth - Jn 4:23-24
 - b. That it includes keeping His commandments - Jn 14:15,21,23; 15:10
 3. We are to worship God in two ways:
 - a. Through our public assemblies - He 10:24-25
 - b. Through our private devotions - e.g., Mt 6:6
- Disciples demonstrate love for God through public worship and private devotion

B. THROUGH FELLOWSHIP...

1. This is how we can best demonstrate our love for the brethren
 2. By not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together - He 10:24-25
 3. We are to fellowship with one another in two ways:
 - a. By coming together as a church, for the Lord's Supper and other means of edification - cf. Ac 20:7; 1 Co 14:26
 - b. By extending hospitality to one another - cf. 1 Pe 4:8-9
- Disciples demonstrate love for brethren through fellowship in church and home

C. THROUGH EVANGELISM...

1. There is no better way to show love for the lost
 2. Jesus manifested His compassion in this way
 - a. By teaching the lost - Mt 9:35-36
 - b. By calling for prayer in behalf of the lost - Mt 9:37-38
 - c. By developing and sending forth laborers - Mt 10:1,5-7
 3. We can show our concern for the lost in similar ways
 - a. Through personal evangelism - e.g., 1 Pe 3:15; Jn 1:45-56
 - b. Through supporting foreign evangelists - cf. Ro 10:14-15
- Disciples demonstrate love for the lost by engaging in both local and foreign evangelism

CONCLUSION

1. We go a long way to becoming true disciples of Jesus by...
 - a. Loving the Lord
 - b. Loving the brethren
 - c. Loving the lost
2. We go a long way in demonstrating such love through...
 - a. Public worship and private devotion
 - b. Fellowship with one another in both church and home

c. Engaging in both local and foreign evangelism

3. Many Christians love only partially...

- a. They worship God in public, but not in private
- b. They fellowship with brethren at church, but not in their homes
- c. They evangelize at home, but do nothing to support evangelism abroad

No matter how much we love as disciples of Christ, we can always improve...

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, - Ph 1:9

Perhaps this study, "The Three Loves Of A Disciple," can provide direction for improving our love...