

The Power of Humility

I. Purpose and Abundant Opportunity

A. The “Your Life Counts” Storyline

Jer 29.11 NIV For I **know** the **plans** I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans **to prosper** you and **not to harm** you, plans **to give you hope*** and a **future.†**

B. Jesus Came to Restore the Plot

John 10:10b I came that they may have **life** and have it **abundantly**.

The Thief came to steal and to kill and to destroy abundance - by deception and fear.

Mark 10.45 For even **the Son of Man came** not to be served but **to serve**, and **to give his life** as a ransom for many.”

C. Abundance of Opportunity (Freedom)

I AM the WAY, TRUTH, LIFE - to the Father

1. Came to Serve
2. Came to Give His Soul for others
3. **Ransom** from the Futility of Selfish Interest & Ego into Overflowing Joyful Generous Living.
4. All Creation is waiting for the Sons of God

II. The Key of Humility

Phil 2:5 ESV Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

- 3 Do nothing from **selfish ambition** or conceit, but in humility **count others more significant than yourselves.**
- 4 Let each of you **look** not only to his own interests, but **also to the interests of others.**

Phil 2.2 MESSAGE Do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. 3 Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. **Put yourself aside**, and **help others get ahead.** 4 Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

A. PUTTING YOURSELF ASIDE

Each of us, by the very nature of our existence, is and must remain the focus of our own life.

Research has shown that approximately 40% of what we say every day is about ourselves.

To gain the gift of another's trust, you must **grant them that natural, normal focus.** Their life, regardless of all the people they're responsible for, is all about them.

Not you, you find a way to keep the focus sincerely on them. You give up your "me, me, me" as a ransom to release FREEDOM into the equation.

Your Purpose is to HELP OTHERS GET AHEAD! FORGET YOURSELF LONG ENOUGH TO CONNECT.

If you accept that, they will **open the door of their trust to you.** The single most compelling trait of trust is SIMPLE HUMILITY.

B. CHALLENGES

This isn't **ordinary** and **natural**. If you want to be a **History Maker**, then you must be extraordinary!

In movies, the hero is a WARRIOR, but in real life the hero is a PEACEMAKER.

Road Rage. Some one comes at you aggressively in a surprise situation.

I'm sorry, with body language. A smile, a wave. Even if you've not done anything.

Counterintuitive, but all powerful. The harder somebody comes at you, the better it works!

Meet their aggression with humility.

Bullies are overthrown, liars are exposed, gamblers lose, manipulators make mistakes— and trustworthy people inevitably take their place.

Sounds like:

Matt 5:5 “Blessed are the **meek**, for **they shall inherit the earth.**

MEEKNESS - Strength under control. Well trained war horse.

The single most demanding dynamic: to methodically achieve your goals by helping others achieve theirs.

When we try to impress others, we don't. The secret of being liked is not how you make people feel about you, but **how you make them feel about themselves.**

DON'T JUDGE - (I'm good, you're not)

Respect the opinions, attitudes, ideas, and perspectives of all people— no matter how foreign, or even opposed to your own.

No one trusts people who look down on them, and no one trusts people who don't understand them.

Not being judgmental is the greatest invitation to trust that you can possibly offer.

Sometimes we **know things that might help, but the interaction isn't about what we know, it's about the other person.**

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE NAIL

"That sounds really hard." "Thank you."

Stop there!

There is joy, wisdom, and influence in a life led by the principle of putting others first!

III. Love is Abundant Life

A. Love Initiates – **TRANSFORMS!** It is the **DIVINE NATURE!**

1 John 4.19 NKJ **We love** Him because **He first loved** us.

Love is **simultaneous giving** and **receiving** of honor, affirmation, affection, joy, pleasure. It is the Divine Nature. It's **ABUNDANT LIFE.**

B. Being **In Love** Opens Up Infinite Possibilities

1 John 4.16 Whoever **lives in love** lives **in God** and **God in him.**

- 1 **Cor 13:4** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
5 or rude. It **does not insist on its own way**; it is not irritable or resentful;
6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

Righteousness, Peace, Joy in the Holy Spirit LUKE 6:37-38

III. RELEASING ABUNDANCE - The Meek will Inherit the Earth

unshakable optimism,	hope
complete self-confidence,	my beloved son
sublime peace of mind,	Abundance
a deep sense of security,	You are with me
abundant self-esteem,	dearly loved
and true love.	divine nature

Faith Hope & Love

Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope **fill** you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the **power of the Holy Spirit.**