

Why Humility? (*Exodus 7:1-7*)

Purpose: to encourage the listeners to humble themselves, trust God and obey His voice.

In the book of Exodus, we learn something very important about the character of Moses:

Beginning of chapter 6:

Exo 6:1 - *Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."*

End of chapter 6:

Exo 6:30 - *But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?"*

At this stage of his life, Moses is now a broken, humble man. Here is what is said of him in another place:

Num 12:3 - *(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)*

Why is humility so important? Because when he uses us we have real power –

Exo 7:1 - *So the LORD said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet."*

When God gives you a task to perform, He gives real authority and ability to perform the task:

Luk 10:19 - *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

2Co 10:3 - *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.*

2Co 10:4 - *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*

Dan 1:17 - *As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.*

For this reason, God humbles us so that we do not abuse the power and authority that He gives to us.

- We must understand that we can do nothing on our own

Joh 15:5 - *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

- We must also understand that we can do anything through Him

Joh 15:7 - *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

- We must make sure that the glory must go to Him

Joh 15:8 - *By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

Notice in the New Testament the qualifications of Bishops (overseers) and Deacons:

1Ti 3:2 - *A bishop must have a good reputation. He must have only one wife, be sober, use good judgment, be respectable, be hospitable, and be able to teach.*

1Ti 3:3 - *He must not drink excessively or be a violent person, but he must be gentle. He must not be quarrelsome or love money.*

1Ti 3:4 - *He must manage his own family well. His children should respectfully obey him.*

1Ti 3:5 - *(If a man doesn't know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)*

1Ti 3:6 - *He must not be a new Christian, or he might become arrogant like the devil and be condemned.*

1Ti 3:7 - *People who are not Christians must speak well of him, or he might become the victim of disgraceful insults that the devil sets as traps for him.*

1Ti 3:8 - *Deacons must also be of good character. They must not be two-faced or addicted to alcohol. They must not use shameful ways to make money.*

1Ti 3:9 - *They must have clear consciences about possessing the mystery of the Christian faith.*

1Ti 3:10 - *First, a person must be evaluated. Then, if he has a good reputation, he may become a deacon.*

1Ti 3:11 - *Their wives must also be of good character. They must not be gossips, but they must control their tempers and be trustworthy in every way.*

1Ti 3:12 - *A deacon must have only one wife. Deacons must manage their children and their families well.*

When the work of faith, patience and humility are completed, then you are ready to do the works of God

Exo 7:1 - *So the LORD said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.*

Exo 7:2 - *You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land.*

Exo 7:3 - *And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.*

Exo 7:4 - *But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.*

Exo 7:5 - *And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them."*

Exo 7:6 - *Then Moses and Aaron did so; just as the LORD commanded them, so they did.*

Exo 7:7 - *And Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.*

In order for Moses to do what God wanted him to do, he had to go through 80 years of life experience to become the person that he needed to be. He finally learned three things:

- Humility – he learned to humble himself
- Trust – he learned to trust God in everything
- Obedience – he learned to do whatever God told him to do without question

This is what we are learning to do right now, so whatever you are going through,

Humble yourself

Jas 4:10 - *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

Trust in God

Pro 3:5 - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;*

Pro 3:6 - *In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*

Obey whatever He says

Deu 12:28- *Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.*