

# Leadership and Humility

**TEXT: 2 Cor. 3:4-5; Phil. 4:13; Isa. 41:10**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

### A. "THE **PRIDE OF GRACE.**"

1. The notion that we are **self-sufficient** – our strength is ours (**2 Cor. 3:4-5**).
2. We are better than our brother (**Rom. 14:10; Luke 18:9**).
3. **We are not to compare ourselves to others** (**2 Cor. 10:12**).

### B. GOD'S ANSWER –

1. **HUMILITY** (**Rom. 12:3; 2 Cor. 10:17-18**).
2. **TRUST** in the Lord (**Eph. 6:10**).

### C. ILLUSTRATED IN BIBLE CHARACTERS.

#### **I. MOSES.**

##### A. MOSES AT AGE 40 THOUGHT HE WAS QUALIFIED TO LEAD.

1. Moses asserted himself by **murder** (**Ex. 2:11-12**).
2. His estimation of his own power and influence was **inflated** (**vs. 13-15**).

##### B. 40 YEARS AS A SHEPHERD CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE.

1. Moses didn't appoint himself, but was chosen by God (**Ex. 3:1-10**).
2. Moses' immediate response reflected his newfound humility (**vs. 11**).

#### **II. GIDEON.**

##### A. **Judges 6:11-12.** GIDEON WAS CALLED BY GOD A MIGHTY MAN OF VALOR.

##### B. **vs. 13-14.** HE WAS CALLED TO DELIVER HIS PEOPLE FROM A SORRY STATE.

##### C. HOW DID GIDEON SEE HIMSELF? (**vs. 15**).

##### D. GOD'S PROMISE (**vs. 16**).

#### **III. SAUL.**

##### A. SAUL AS DESCRIBED BY INSPIRATION (**1 Sam. 9:1-2**).

##### B. SAUL, WHEN HE WAS CHOSE HAD A SIMILAR ATTITUDE.

1. When Samuel told him he was chosen, his reaction was this (**vs. 21**).
2. When he was to be present to the people, he hid (**10:21-24**).
3. His humility led him to spare his detractors (**10:27; 11:12-13**).

##### C. HE BECAME PROUD AND HIS PRIDE BROUGHT HIM DOWN.

1. His rule a tragedy of acting with a high hand. He was disobedient.
2. His humility was a thing of the past (**15:17**).
3. As a result, the kingdom was wrested from him (**15:19, 26**).

#### **IV. THE PROPHETS.**

##### A. ISAIAH (**Isa. 6:5**).

##### B. JEREMIAH (**Jer. 1:6**).

#### **V. PETER'S TRANSFORMATION.**

##### A. **Matt. 22:33-35.** "I WILL NEVER BE OFFENDED."

##### B. **Luke 22:31-32.** "WHEN ONCE THOU HAST TURNED AGAIN."

##### C. HUMILIATION TO HUMILITY (**vs. 61-62**).

#### **VI. PAUL'S HUMILITY (**Eph. 3:8; 1 Cor. 15:9; 1 Tim. 1:15**).**

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A. OUR FIRST DUTY ➡ HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION (**1 Pet. 5:6-7**).
- B. IT ALSO INVOLVES SERVICE (**1 Pet. 5:5; Matt. 20:26-28**).

C. WHO ARE WE WORKING FOR? (**1 Pet. 4:11**).