

Christ, Culture, & The Cross

The Way Of The Cross (Part I)

1 Corinthians 4:6-8

The Challenge

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The Letter of 1 Corinthians

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The Core Issue

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The Way of The Cross (Part 1)

1) _____ . . . A _____ of _____ .

For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not? (1 Corinthians 4:7)

2) _____ . . . The _____ Of _____ .

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all." (Mark 10:42-44)

Humility

What Is It?

- Humility _____ . . . With An _____ View of _____.

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment. (Romans 12:3)

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- Humility _____ . . . The _____ For _____.

True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. (C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)

Humility is the noble choice to forgo your status, deploy your resources or use your influences for the good of others before yourself. More simply, you could say the humbled person is marked by a willingness to hold power in service of others. (John Dickson, *Humilitas*)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:3-5)

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:8)

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Five Key Questions

1) _____ You _____ . . . In _____ ?

2) _____ You _____ . . . Or _____ ?

Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him, it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all. (C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*)

3) _____ You _____ . . . To _____ An _____ ?

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:1-2)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:12-13)

4) _____ Much _____ . . . _____ You _____ ?

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. . . . the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. (James 3:13, 17-18)

5) _____ Do You _____ . . . To _____ ?

Whoever heeds life-giving correction will be at home among the wise. (Proverbs 15:31)