



An Example of Humility

Humility means responding to God with gratitude and living in light of His greatness.

Sometimes we need a wake-up call that opens our eyes so we can see who we truly are. When Jesus started washing the disciples' feet, they must have felt uneasy, especially after their recent discussion about which of them was the greatest (Mark 9:34-35).

Foot washing happened to be the task designated to the lowest slave in the household. But there was probably no servant posted at the door of the Last Supper, since Jesus and His disciples were eating in a borrowed room.

All the disciples considered this job beneath them, so everyone's feet remained filthy until Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, humbled Himself to serve those who should have served Him. After three years of teaching and modeling humility to His disciples, Jesus drove the point home with a towel and a bowl.

If we want to follow Jesus' example of servanthood, a good place to begin is with prayer asking for help to see any sinful attitudes hiding in our heart. Then we can respond with gratitude rather than shame, as He is inviting to grow. When we confess what He reveals and ask Him to help us change, we'll discover that humility isn't about thinking less of ourselves— It's about thinking of ourselves less. In other words, it's about seeing who God is and living in light of His greatness rather than our own.



