

Doctrine of Humility

James 4:6 - God makes war against the arrogant but gives grace to the humble [tapeinos].

Liddell, Henry G. and Robert Scott. Greek-English Lexicon, s.v. “tapeinos”:

Low. Abased in power or pride. (Abased means, according to Webster's Ninth, "to be lowered in rank, office, prestige, or esteem; suggests to voluntarily yield up these things.) Submissive.

Arndt, William F. and F. Wilber Gingrich. Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, s.v. “tapeinos”:

A position of low or undistinguished power and esteem. Emotionally, to be subservient and abject. A mental attitude of humility of soul.

This principle is so important that it is repeated several times in Scripture: Proverbs 3:34, Matthew 23:12, and 1 Peter 5:5.

How is this humility acquired? First of all, we have learned that no one is born humble. Humility is a mental attitude and all children are born into this life as tabula rasa. In addition, they are also born with a fully-functional sinful nature which is unencumbered in its mission to control the child's soul. As a result, the child is arrogant and self-centered and soon becomes very proficient at the three arrogant skills: self-justification, self-deception, and self-absorption.

This is to state in a bit of detail the simple fact that mankind is born into a fallen condition, known theologically as “*total depravity*.” From an orthodox theological view, nothing can be done to tame the human beast except for the inculcation of establishment and/or doctrinal viewpoint into his soul. From the currently prevailing humanistic view, nothing can be done to tame the human beast except for the inculcation of human viewpoint into his soul.

This, in effect, distinguishes the difference between the Grace and Cosmic Academies and the content of their curricula, i.e., the truth versus the lie.

Thomas Sowell has described the clash between the two as a “*conflict of visions*” and offers this analysis in his newest book, “The Vision of the Anointed: Self-Congratulation as a Basis for Social Policy”:

Sowell, Thomas. The Vision of the Anointed: Self-Congratulation as a Basis for Social Policy. New York: BasicBooks, 1995, pp. ix-x, 1-4, 104-112, 122-123, 190.

What they, whom Dr. Sowell calls “*the anointed*,” wish to accomplish is to instill humility into the souls of men by means of “*enlightenment*” or “*reeducation*.” This is of course whitewashed verbiage for what they really do which is propagandizing and brainwashing. There is no development of humility in the Cosmic Academy, only arrogance. Humility can only be accomplished in the Grace Academy. Humility is not genetic or inherent but must be developed as a virtue.

The first system for the development of humility is the authority of parents in the third divine institution called the home. The home is the invention of God in which Organized Humility creates an environment for the acquisition of truth, either establishment or doctrinal. Within this system humility is developed by degrees.

Born without virtue, the child may acquire it only from the training he receives from his parents. Parents have the responsibility to take their plenipotentiary power and authority and ingrain the principles of establishment morality into their child's conscience.

Until the child is inclined to orient to parental authority then his rebellion must be suppressed by means of chastisement. Submission to parental authority occurs when the child develops Enforced Humility. The child's volition determines whether he will become a vessel of honor or dishonor.

Essence of the soul is the Organized Humility of the first divine institution. Submission to authority motivated by fear of pain and suffering is the acquiescence of Enforced Humility. Eventually, the child advances to the level of Genuine Humility where his volition willingly subscribes to divine viewpoint in self-regulation of his life. And so, God has provided a system of Organized Humility in the home through parents.

Parental policy backed by fear of chastisement develops Enforced Humility in the soul of the child. As virtue increases in the child's soul, more and more freedom can be permitted as he is able to regulate his own life. This is the development of Genuine Humility which is designed to function professionally by age 20. Put another way, enforced humility is a willingness to comply with policy and submit to authority for fear of pain and suffering.

Genuine Humility is a willingness of the individual to comply with policy and submit to authority because both are in harmony with each other. A person who functions under Genuine Humility executes the Christian way of life in an organized and professional manner.