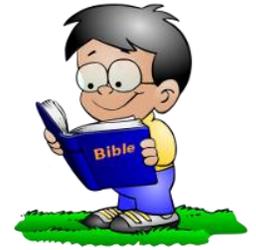


Biblical Humility

Being Truly Humble

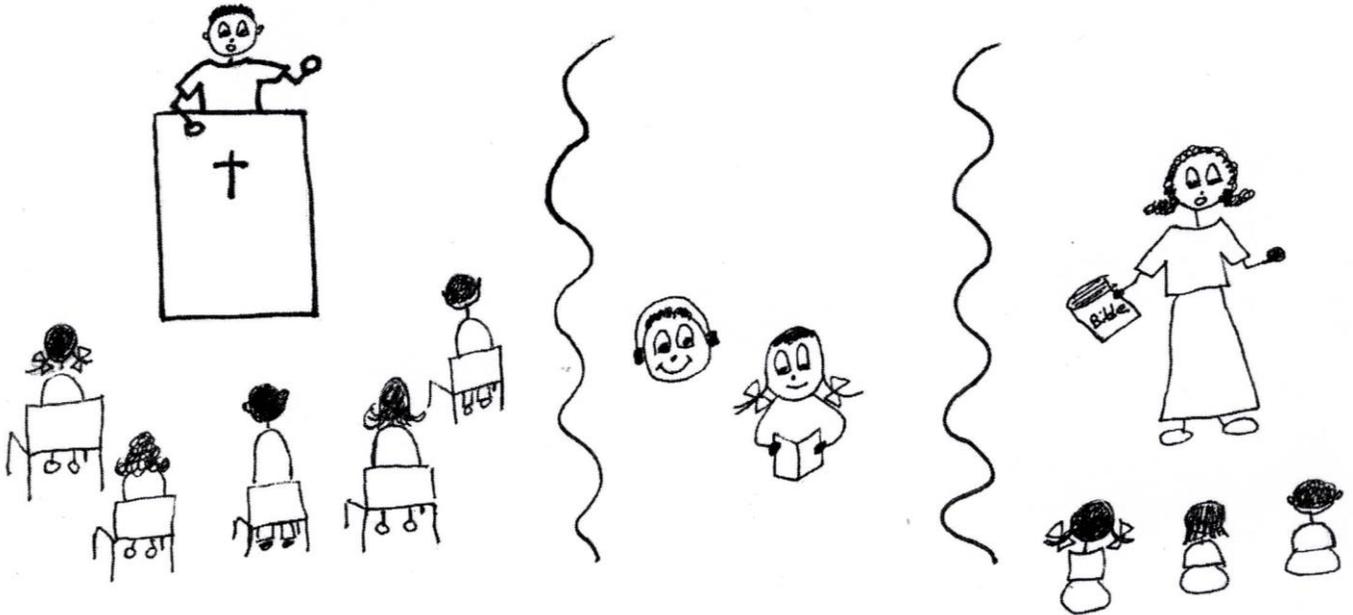
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Biblical humility means: to take in the word of God, to submit to its authority and orient or adjust to God's grace. Wow! That's a mouthful! So, let's take one part at a time.



To Take In The Word Of God

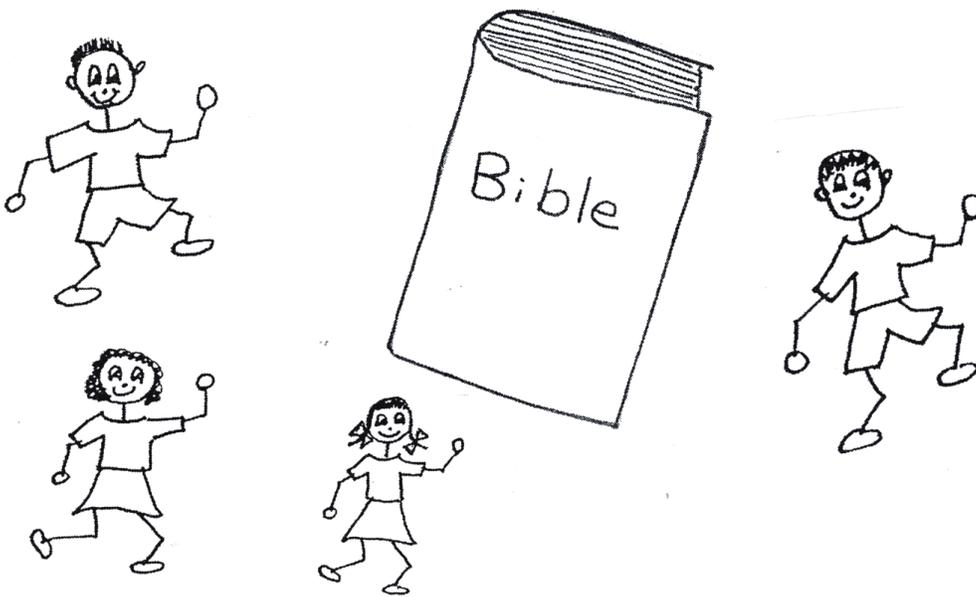
True humility is an attitude in our soul. We can only get it through the power of the Holy Spirit and the word of God. It is supernaturally produced by God the Holy Spirit using the word of God. Therefore, we have to be willing to set aside time to learn His word. It is His thinking! Imagine that - **God's thoughts!** The more of **His thinking** we use, the better our attitude is and the more humble we are.



Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Submit To Its Authority

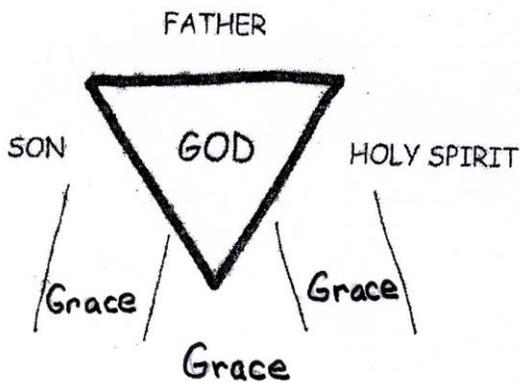
The Bible is God's word. The Holy Spirit supernaturally produces humility in us when we learn, believe and use the truths in the Bible. We are **submitting to or accepting its authority** when we choose to have its truths rule us. This, of course, is all through the power of the Holy Spirit. This also means we are submitting to or accepting God's authority since the Bible is His thinking. Humility means to submit to God's authority and to take in His word. Once the word of God is at home in our souls, it is our authority. It is the ruling hand of God. It is very important that we set aside time to read our Bible - *The Time for Truth - Submitting to God's Authority!*



Psalm 119:105
Your word is a lamp
to my feet and a
light to my path.

Orient Or Adjust To God's Grace

When we try to do things our way without God, we can become very fearful and anxious. Not fun! We are in the way of experiencing God's grace, His free unmerited love and favor. When we get out of our own way and accept God's authority, we are relying on and adjusting to God's grace. We are adjusting our thinking to His thinking! We are realizing more and more that **God** is the only one who can handle every part of our lives. We don't need to be fearful and anxious! We can relax in His free unmerited love and favor. **We can orient or adjust to God's grace.**



Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

The Lord Jesus Christ, in His humanity, had to learn humility. He had the Holy Spirit living inside of Him as His Teacher and Helper. His parents trained Him to use His volition based on Scripture, God's thinking. He was able not to sin because He didn't have an old sin nature. And, with His own free will He always chose to obey God and not to sin. Awesome! Now, we will sin until the day we die because we have old sin natures. However, we can learn humility from God's word. The Holy Spirit, Who lives inside of us, will teach us. Marvelous! He will use our parents, prep school teachers and pastor-teachers to give us information from the word of God. When we read our Bibles, He will teach us.

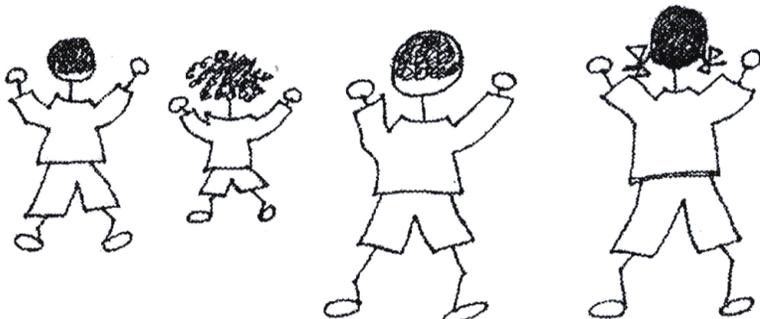
If it was necessary for Jesus to learn humility, it is definitely necessary for us!



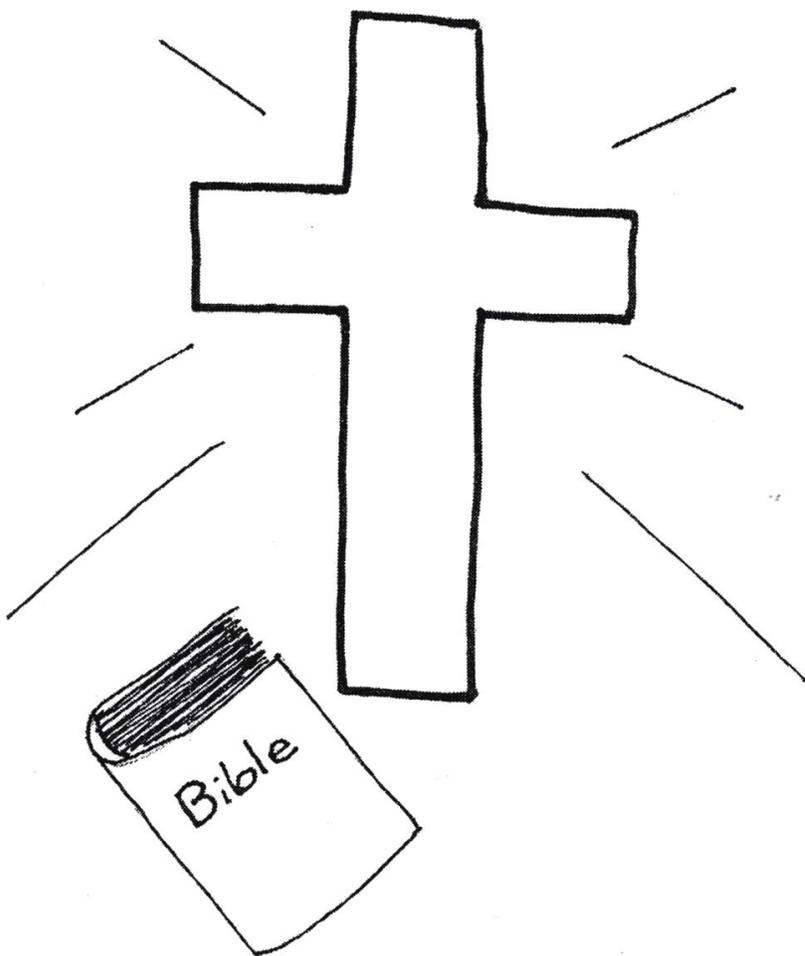
Luke 2:52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
Read **Philippians 2:5-8**

Hebrews 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Psalms 25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

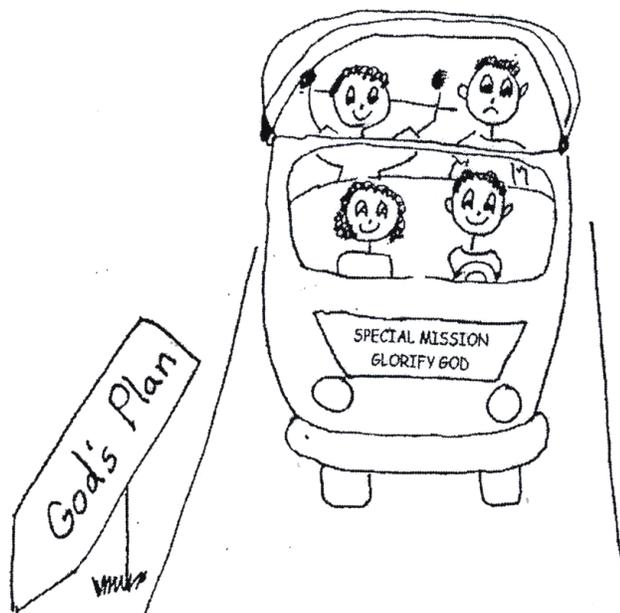
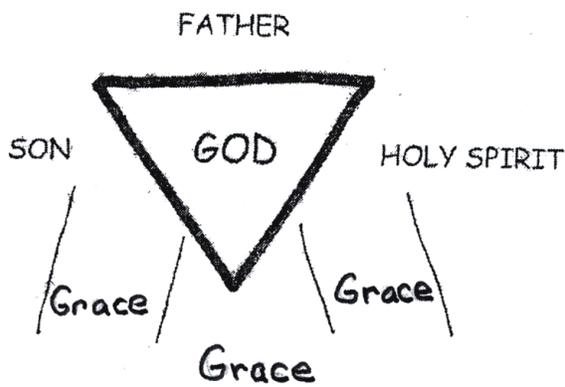


We need to adjust to or follow God's will, not our own will. We can only understand God's will for us by learning His thinking! We can't become humble on our own; we need God the Holy Spirit to change our thinking to that of Jesus Christ. The word of God is the truth that will set us free from our old sin natures and the cosmic system. Our old sin natures and the cosmic system hate God and His thinking. They want us to hate God and His thinking. They want to get us away from obeying the authority of God. If we don't keep taking in God's word daily, we'll start thinking like the cosmic system. We'll believe the lies of Satan! Ouch! What do you think?



Job 33:16 Then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction, that He may turn man aside from his conduct and keep man from pride [arrogance, destructive force].

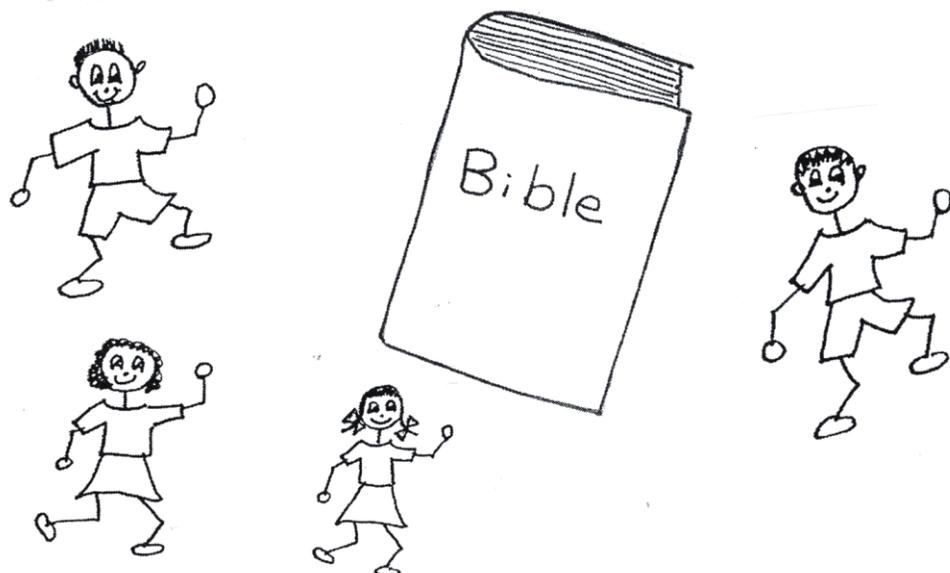
If we keep learning, believing and using the word of God through the power of the Holy Spirit it will become our way of life. We will be accepting God's authority over our lives. The Holy Spirit will be bringing our thinking in line with God's thinking! **And, we will have true humility which is a way of thinking according to God's word.** We will have divine protection against our old sin natures, the cosmic system and Satan. We can live the spiritual life under God's protection! God does the work; we get to relax in His grace!



1 Timothy 4:8
But godliness [spiritual life] is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come.

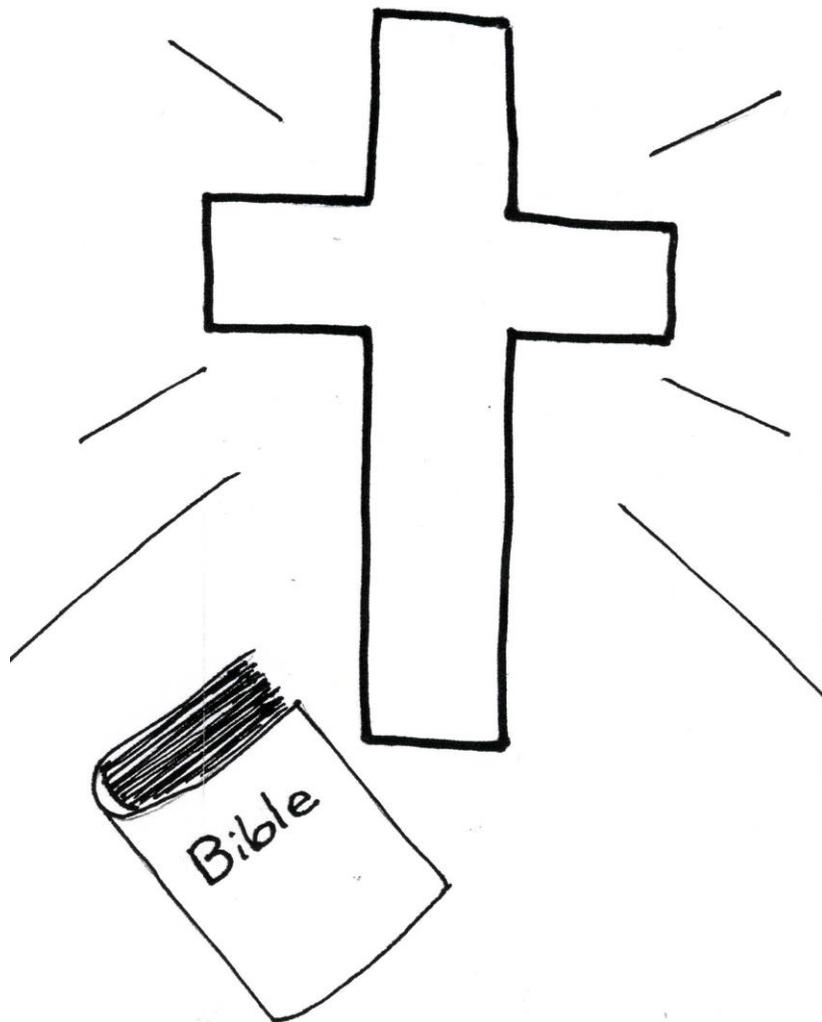
Points To Remember

1. Biblical humility means: to take in the word of God, to submit to its authority, and orient or adjust to grace.
2. True humility is an attitude in your soul that you can only get through the power of the Holy Spirit and the word of God.
3. When we let God's word rule us, we are submitting to its authority.
4. When we try to do things our way without God, we can become fearful and anxious. We are in the way of experiencing God's grace, His free unmerited love and favor.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ, in His humanity, had to learn humility.
6. We need to adjust to or follow God's will, not our own will.
7. By using the power of the Holy Spirit, if we keep learning, believing and using the word of God it will become our way of life.



Questions for Discussion

1. How do we get true humility by learning the word of God?
2. What does it mean to submit to the authority of the word of God?
3. What does it mean to orient or adjust to God's grace?
4. Was Jesus, as a man, born with humility? How did He get humility?
5. How can we understand God's will for us?
6. What can we expect if we keep learning, believing and using the word of God?



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