

# PURSUIT OF HUMILITY

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based on the 26 instructions in the New Testament

## NOTES FOR DISCUSSION GROUPS

Aim: 'to learn how to walk humbly with God'

## COURSE PLAN

**TITLE:** Pursuit of Humility

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*sample below for preview*

**SESSION 1** - 'Beware of being put off children'

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**SESSION 2** - 'Beware of drifting out of position'

**SESSION 3** - 'Beware of letting your blind spot  
catch you out'

**SESSION 4** - 'Beware of forgetting the service is  
included'

**SESSION 5** - 'Beware of being a lone ranger'

**SESSION 6** - 'Beware of being ambushed by promotions'

**SESSION 7** - 'Beware of missing the call'

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## SESSION 1 - 'Beware of being put off children'

Read Matthew 18 verses 1 to 14

### to start

- which one is the only direct command?
- which ones are indirect commands?
- very enlightening and challenging for all Christians on their attitude toward children! See also Mark 10:13-16 [v.14 = Jesus' indignation]
- what has been your attitude until now? [*any need to repent?*]
- the indirect instruction of verse 4 is the main focus point for the aim of our course
- what was the disciples' preoccupation at that time?
- what might have they used in their arguments? [*see Luk.9:1-6, Luk.10:17-24 = achievements: Luk.9:28-36 = experiences*]
- is Jesus against achievements and experiences? [*see John 14:12*]
- what is the thing above all things that God considers greatness?
- what conclusion regarding humility can we draw from Jesus' words and actions here?
- if humility is very important to God **HUMILITY** must become very important to us and something to pursue at all cost

### HUMILITY

- to start with we need to look at the definition: what is it?
- which definition do you agree with the most? 'humility is ...
  - a. the quality of having a modest or low view of one's importance'
  - b. the quality of not thinking of oneself too highly'
- what common attitude does Paul refer to when it comes to thinking of ourselves?
- do you know of any warnings against it in the bible?
- what about Luke 18:11-12?
- what is the opposite attitude Paul could have mentioned?
- do you know biblical examples?
- what is the main problem with low esteem?
- what is the right attitude, is it a question of not thinking at all?
- where does Paul say 'sound judgement' comes from?
- in what ways is Paul inspired to help humility in Rom.12:3-8?

### to sum up: counting on the help of the Holy Spirit ...

- to have a positive attitude towards children following Jesus' example and words
- to never despise any children for any reason
- to welcome and pray for children whenever possible
- to know and remember how humility is important to God
- to make sure by all means that humility is one of the ingredients in our life