

# Humble yourself before the Lord

*Humble yourself in the presence of the Lord and he will exalt you. James 4:10*

## 1. Hunger for the glory of God

**God is zealous for his own glory** (Isaiah 48:9-11; 43:6-7; Habakkuk 2:14)

- Cultivate gratitude (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Praising and thanking God as well as directing other people's attention to God is an important way that we glorify God (Eph.5:18b-21) and keep ourselves in a more realistic perspective.
- Cultivate an interest in the Kingdom of God over the kingdom of self (Matthew 6:33f)  
This involves, among other things, living a life in service to others for the glory of God (1 Peter 2:12; Philipians 1:1; 2 Corinthians 4:5, Matthew 5:16; 23:11; Mark 9:33-35; 10:35-45; Luke 22:27; Romans 15:7; 1 Peter 4:11)
- Seek God's presence and glory in your personal difficulties (Hebrews 13:5b-6)  
Losses  
Corrections (Proverbs 10:17, 12:1)  
Perceived 'put downs' (Proverbs 25:6,7)  
Difficult people (1 Cor. 6:7; 1 Peter 2:18; 1 Peter 3:8-17; Ephesians 5:21; Numbers 12:3 Moses was called meek when he waited for God to vindicate him rather than doing so himself)

## 2. Hunger for the glory from God

**Paul's great secret source of motivation was that he sought glory from God, not himself or others** (1 Corinthians 4:1-5)

**Jesus warned that not seeking glory from God makes faith impossible** (John 5:44)

**The *bema* seat of Christ is a promise of glory for us from God** (2 Corinthians 5:9f)

- Keep confessing your sins to God (Luke 18:9-14; 1 Jn.1:8-10) and others (James 5:16); not just acceptable sins or the sins from long ago or sin in general.
- Avoid the trap of playing favorites amongst others (Luke 7:36-39; Romans 12:16; James 2:1-9).
- Take the lower seat (Luke 14:7-11) and gratefully receive being disregarded by others as a gift from God to help you escape your addiction to approval from others (John 5:41; 12:42-43; Galatians 1:10)

## Love One Another

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you,  
that you also love one another* John 13:34

Admonish/teach one another (Rom.15:14; Col. 3:16)

Encourage one another (1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11; Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 5:19)

Forgive one another (Eph.4:32; Col. 3:13)

Bear with one another (Col.3:13; Eph. 4:2)

Submit to/Serve one another (Eph.5:13, 21)

Confess to one another (James 5:16)

Accept one another (Romans 15:7)

Be hospitable to one another (I Peter 4:9)

Pray for one another (James 5:16)