

Aren't they just saying out loud what motivates many people today? What does it mean to humble yourself like a child? Why do you think this is important for God's kingdom? What did you learn about humility in the message last weekend that has stuck with you (if anything!)?

Spend time today just meditating on the humility of Christ and His love for you.

SATURDAY

Please pray for TLC to have a wonderful New Year, blessed by God! Ask for God to bless those on the prayer list this week. Please pray for the services this weekend. Thanks!

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES

Coralyn Hanson foot surgery 1/9

Deanie Badertscher back surgery 12/21

Ethan Pope (age 5) leukemia treatment, ongoing

Gwenda Baker surgery 12/27

Kathy Kritikos surgery 12/22

Liz Bishop angiogram 12/23

Ron Denevi brain tumor surgery 12/20

HOSPICE CARE

John Burton, Elizabeth Harrell, Charleen Van Veldhuizen

HOME WITH THE LORD

Elaine Hedges went to Glory 12/16/13 early a.m. Her family is grateful for all the prayers & visits from TLC friends, Elaine's faith was strong to the end, as she praised her Lord Jesus. Elaine was much loved and will be missed by many.

Please remember the extended family of Santa Cruz County Deputy Sheriff, **Tony Jack**, who passed away most unexpectedly. Our church family has been praying for his son, Gavin Jack (age 19) who recently had a successful heart transplant.

Heartfelt love and prayer are extended to Stuart and Alla Mia McCammon in the loss of Stuart's mother, **Gloria McCammon**, on Christmas Eve.

Alma Rueb the mother of Jerry Rueb, former TLC pastor, went to Glory. Please remember Jerry and his family in prayer who are also grieving the loss of his father, Will Rueb, who died within the past month.

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



RADICAL DEEP ORGANIC CHANGE

JANUARY 3 & 4
RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

1 Corinthians 3:21-4:6

WHAT IS THE HUMAN PROBLEM? HOW DO I CHANGE?

TRADITIONAL ANSWER

Problem: Thinking too _____ of myself

Answer: _____

MODERN ANSWER

Problem: Thinking too _____ of myself

Solution: _____

BIBLICAL ANSWER

1. THE HUMAN PROBLEM

Then you will not be **puffed up**... 1 Corinthians 4:6b

"Puffed up": word used 6 times for "pride" in 1 Cor., meaning:

The natural human ego is:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

2. THE SUPERNATURAL POSSIBILITY

I care very little if I am judged by **you** or **any human court**. Indeed, I **do not even judge myself**. My conscience is clear but that does not make me innocent. 1 Corinthians 4:3,4a

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom **I am the worst**. 1 Timothy 1:15

_____ MYSELF

“The blessed rest of self-forgetfulness.” – Tim Keller

3. HOW DO I GET THERE?

It is the **Lord who judges me**. 1 Corinthians 4:4b

There is therefore now **no condemnation** for you in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God. 1 Corinthians 3:21–23

_____ IN _____ VERDICT

Thanks to Dr. Tim Keller for insights in his sermon, “Blessed Self-Forgetfulness”

NEXT WEEK // DEEP CHANGE

IN TWO WEEKS // ORGANIC CHANGE

FEBRUARY SERIES // STILL

An Exploration of Biblical Meditation

MARCH SERIES // CROSS WORDS

The Seven Final Sayings of Christ on the Cross

DAILY MEDITATIONS

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

I care very little if I am judged by you or any human court. Indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. 1 Corinthians 4:3,4

MONDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 4:3,4. Paul says he doesn’t care how the Corinthians judge him, not does he judge himself. Yet, he says, that doesn’t make him innocent. Whose judgment is the only one Paul cares about? According to Romans 8:1, what is God’s verdict about you in Christ Jesus? How could this “freedom of self-forgetfulness”, as Tim Keller puts it, be freeing to you?

Ask God to help you change from the inside-out, not because you are trying to change the opinion others hold of you, or your own opinion of yourself, but because you are beloved and forgiven by God.

TUESDAY

Read John 3:27–30. John says he must increase and I must decrease. I don’t think I’ve ever read a more succinct key to joy. How does this concept mirror Paul’s attitude in the passage we studied this weekend? How can you succeed at work or in the world at large through holy, God-centered ambition instead of purely selfish motives? How does such success look different?

Spend time forgetting yourself and focusing on the beauty of Christ today.

WEDNESDAY

Read Philippians 2:3–11. What did Christ leave behind when he came to earth? Not his divine nature, of course—but what else did he lay aside voluntarily? What word does Paul use here to characterize what Christ became? How does Paul say this should inform our daily attitude?

First just meditate for a long time on the incarnation of Christ. Thank Him for the reach of His love. Then ask Him to begin to develop such a humble attitude in you.

THURSDAY

Read James 4:1–10. What does James say causes all conflict among people? So what is his solution? What is God’s attitude toward the proud and the humble?

Ask God to help you stay aware of your pride today. In each instance, ask Him to replace it with humility that comes from the Spirit, not false humility that is proud of itself.

FRIDAY

Matthew 18:1–4. Why would the disciples want to be “the greatest”?