



II Corinthians 12: 7 – 10

7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, **I am content** with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

Ephesians 4: 1 - 3

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 **with all humility** and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the **unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.

Phillipians 2: 1 - 11

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by **being of the same mind, having the same love,** being in full accord and of **one mind**. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, **but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.** 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to **the interests of others.** 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.** 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 3: 12 - 15

12 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, **humility**, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.** 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything

together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

I Peter 5: 5

5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. **Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another**, for “God opposes the proud but **gives grace to the humble.**”

Colossians 3:

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Discussion Questions

1. What, for you, is the hardest thing about accepting “weakness” as Paul mentioned in 2 Corinthians 12: 7 - 10?
2. Can you share a time when you have experienced someone responding to you in “humility”?
3. What makes living in our “present tense” so difficult?
4. Where do you personally go in terms of application with this lesson?