

Sermon Application Study

Sept.22, 2024

Target Passage → Colossians 3:12

1. What is the difference between true humility and meekness in 3:12 and the false humility (*asceticism* in ESV, same word as *humility*) described in 2:16-23?
2. Look at the description of the church in Laodicea in Rev.3:14-22. How did they see themselves? Why did this view of themselves need to change? How could they change it?
3. Why does the gospel require humility to be received at all? Does a continued walk with Christ require a lifetime of humility and meekness, or can we think and operate differently once we've trusted in Jesus? Explain.

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Col.3:5-17, Phil.2:1-11, 1 Pet.5:1-7, Rev.3:14-22

For Me → (Adjust these questions to other relationships if you are not married.)

1. What does it look like to wear humility and meekness in relation to your spouse? How are you personally doing with this?
2. How does biblical humility affect the way you see your own opinions when you disagree with your spouse?
3. When you've been wronged by your spouse, how does humility and meekness play a part in reconciliation?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to humiliate (in a good way) the prideful impulses of the people of our church, so that we would live as examples of people entirely dependent on the grace of God.

For the Mission → Are there people in your life who may have a flawed view of the gospel because of the way you have talked about your spouse? How can you correct this?