

"Being the Difference" Humility Don Williams- September 17, 2023

The pathway to making a lasting difference is by first being the difference

Narcissism is a personality disorder characterized by an excessive sense of self-importance, a lack of empathy for others, and a need for admiration.

- Think too highly of themselves
- Think too little of others
- And like to be admired by others.

Matthew 11:29

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Luke 3:5

"Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth."

CS Lewis~ Humility isn't thinking less of yourself...it is thinking about yourself less.

TS Elliot~ Humility is one of the hardest virtues. Nothing dies harder than the desire to think too highly of oneself.

Philippians 2:3-11

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own

interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Serving with true humility will help keep a lid on your pride and open doors for greater opportunities.

Matthew 20:28

"the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

1) Humble Servants have the mindset of a humble servant

Philippians 2:5

"in your relationships with one another, have the mindset of Jesus."

We need to think about... what we think about. And ask "is this what Jesus would think about?"

2) Humble Servants first look to the needs of others

Philippians 2:3-4

"Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Ric Warren~ it's not about you.

One way to stay humble is to stay interested in others, not focused on being interesting to others.

3) Humble Servants hold on to nothing

Philippians 2:7(NKJV)

"...but (Jesus) made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

4) Humble Servants serve in the moment

