

HUMILITY

A row of eight metal type blocks, each representing a letter of the word 'HUMILITY'. The letters are arranged in a slightly staggered fashion. The 'H' is the tallest, followed by 'U', 'M', 'I', 'L', 'I', 'T', and 'Y'. The blocks are made of a dark, possibly lead or brass, metal with a brushed or slightly worn surface. They are set against a background of a dark, textured wooden surface, likely a printing press bed or a workbench. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the metallic sheen and the shadows between the letters.

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- **Luke 14:7** When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable:  
**8** “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. **9** If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. **10** But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”  
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**Every  
Person  
Matters**

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## Pride

- You are not the greatest
- You are not unimportant
- Rom 12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

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- You are not the greatest
- You are not unimportant
- Positive Pride
  - I am proud of my family
  - I take pride in the work I do
  - I am proud of my church
- Negative Pride
  - Nobody can do this as well as I can!
  - People need me!

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## Humiliation

- to cause (a person) a painful loss of pride, self-respect, or dignity; mortify.
- One of our greatest fears
- Hardest affliction to get over
- Often not overt
  - Here , YOU take this seat
  - Ushering the less important person away

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## Voluntary humility

Phil 2: 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

- <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself...

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**John 13:2** The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him....

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**John 13:12** When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup> “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you

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- Gal 5:22 God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful,<sup>23</sup> gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways.<sup>24</sup> And because we belong to Christ Jesus, we have killed our selfish feelings and desires.<sup>25</sup> God's Spirit has given us life, and so we should follow the Spirit.<sup>26</sup> But don't be conceited or make others jealous by claiming to be better than they are. CEV

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## So What?

- Do an honest evaluation of yourself.
  - Where has God made progress in shaping you into the person you are to be?
  - Where do you need more work?
- Remember a time you were involuntarily humbled
- Where do you need to kneel? To lower yourself?
- Whose feet do you feel led to wash?