

HUMBLE LEADERSHIP

2 Chronicles 6:12–13 (ESV)

There can be a misunderstanding about leadership that you have to *LEADER-LIKE*... that leadership involves you always being serious, indifferent, in power postures... But what we see in our passage with Solomon, shows a humble leadership, an honest leadership that God responds to. There are some lessons we can learn from this.

2 Chronicles 6:12–13 (ESV) Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. ¹³ Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the court, and he stood on it. Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven

I UNDERSTANDING HUMILITY:

A- First we need to understand humility; What is it? What does it look like?

1. PG has defined humility as *an honest recognition of self*.

a. I know who I am, I know my limitations, I know my shortcomings and hangups... its a self- awareness

2. Pride is the opposite of this; Pride is *a dishonest opinion of self*

a. Where you greatly overestimate or greatly underestimate who you really are-

B- In our Passage we see Solomon being very honest, in the presence of all the nation he goes from standing to kneeling-

1. That is not what a king would do... people kneel before the king, not the other way around...

a. But in his honest recognition of self, he see's nothing wrong with kneeling in front of the nation.

b. It is the honest acknowledgement that I need help outside of myself!

C- This can be very difficult for some men!

1. In Pride they think: This is Weak Leadership... Your supposed to be Strong, and KNOW *everything*...

2. Others would think: This is Vulnerable leadership... People will take advantage of you... This stems from insecurity-

3. Others might say: This is Lost leadership... You can lose respect, power, control... B/c you look incapable to get the job done

4. Its actually HONEST leadership... Which is something people value and appreciate!

a. We know the rest of the story, after David, Solomon was a referenced king! He is the credited author of 3 books in the Bible!

II HUMBLE LEADERSHIP:

A- While humility is an honest opinion of self, where you send that void matters-

1. **V13** Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven

a. Where does he send his lack? Towards heaven... He wants God to fill what is missing, and meet his need.

2. Humility gets answered the best by God!

a. Not people, not certificates or degrees, not compliments, not rewards-

b. Solomon places his focus on God... instead of other natural means-

B- Humble leadership says; *I may be appointed and in charge, but I need help outside of myself!*

1. PG has often said; My number one prayer every morning is for Wisdom.

a. PWM often prayed; Lord I confess my need for you-

2. Humble leadership is an awareness and a desire to be in the service of God's will... You allow yourself to lead from His direction ... Which God knows everything and so He knows best!

3. Humble leadership is about identifying what the congregation needs (which God knows)

a. Not looking good or in charge- Or assuming you know what it needs.

4. Solomon sets an example: I NEED HELP... I know where to turn for that-

a. SF: This church needs a GM not a JM... So I began to pray... Prescott needs; so I pray: Help me to think like PGM... Let me have instincts like PGM

III HELPING THE HUMBLE:

A- This passage is the dedication of the temple...

1. We know the results; Solomon prays, fire falls from heaven and consumes the sacrifices, the spirit of God fills the temple-

a. The results: God will help the humble!

i. **James 4:6** Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

2. God is into helping the Humble... He knows we need it, let Him help you!

B- So how do we get this leadership approach?

1. Ask God for a revelation on Humility: Maybe you see leadership incorrectly, ask God to help you see it right

2. Be honest: If you don't know, that is ok... be honest about it... Solomon was honest before the nation!

3. Ask God for Wisdom: In everything and for everything-

a. **James 1:5** If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking

4. Deal with Pride: You have to be aware when it shows up and hijacks your leadership- PRIDE MAKES LIFE DIFFICULT

a. **Matthew 23:12** And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.