

09.13.09 Grabbing What Is Given

- ASSUMPTIONS:
 - Everyone wants to be GREAT!
 - Everyone thinks HUMILITY is GOOD!
- "Secular language normally thinks of humility in terms of emphasizing one's weaknesses, or downplaying one's strengths. Neither is relevant to the scriptural concept of any definition of humility that begins, 'Humility is seeing yourself as...' is wrong. Scripturally, humility is not seeing yourself at all because you are looking at God."
- Luke 14:7-11—
 - "When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 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. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, "Give this man your seat." Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he says, "Friend, move up to a better place." Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.
- WHAT WE DEMAND:
 - Our own Security!
 - Our own Satisfaction!
- James 4:5—
 - "Or do you not think Scripture says without reason that the Spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely? But He gives more grace. That is why the Scripture says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
- SEEING GOD:
 - We are commanded to Humble ourselves.
- James 4:10—
 - "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you."
- MY PRAYER:
 - Humble me with Your Presence so that You do not have to humble me by my circumstances!