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BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK



“If Anyone Hears My Voice And Opens The Door, I Will Come In To Him And Dine With Him, And He With Me.”

Rev. 3:20

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(Humility)



True humility is not commonly seen in our Western society. As missionaries, we work in other countries and cultures worldwide where we find that humility can be culturally ingrained; sadly, however, we also find humility can be demeaned with the threat of punishment.

It seems this character trait taught in the *Bible* might be either lacking in the lives of people or misunderstood by other cultures. Humility and meekness have become rare character qualities even among Christians, especially in our society.

Promotion comes from *God*, whether it be on the job, in ministry, or just in everyday life. Humility on the other hand, is reducing oneself to lower circumstances and allowing *God* to exalt or promote in *His* time, *His* way, and for *His* glory. Humility accepts less even when more is deserved.

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time” (1 Peter 5: 6).

Remember, friends, life isn't about how important we are or appear to the world. It's about becoming a vessel through which *God* can draw others to *Him*, being a bearer of *His* glory and light to the nations.

If we maintain humble hearts, *His* eternal purposes can be accomplished in and through us. Without true humility, we rob *God* of the opportunity to display *His* Love, mercy and grace to the world.

Resist self-serving and self-promoting attributes. Walk humbly before *God* and man. *God, Himself*, will exalt you in due time,

Lord, my desire is to be a humble servant, willing to accept any circumstances in which I may find myself. My flesh is weak, but *Lord*, my spirit is willing to seek after humility. Help me, teach me, lead me, *Oh Father*, in the way that is most pleasing to *you*; regardless of the cost to me personally. Help me to submit my heart to *you*; do *Your* perfect work within me and be glorified, amen.

Humble people are always thinking, not of themselves, but of others. For that reason, they have a servant's attitude, looking for opportunities to be a blessing.

However, just because someone serves others isn't sure proof that he or she is a true servant.

Many people outwardly seem to be kind and generous, but often they are just acting to gain people's favor. They are hoping to personally benefit in the long run. For example, people sometimes give gifts in order to make others feel indebted to them. That is one reason **Jesus** told us to give secretly. Secret gifts are motivated by pure love.

That is also why **Jesus** told the host of the dinner not to invite his friends, brothers, relatives and rich neighbors when he gave a dinner. They could and would repay him for his kindness.

A higher, more godly love would be demonstrated by giving a dinner for those who could not repay him. **Jesus** told him that if he would give a dinner for people who could not repay him, such as the poor, crippled, lame and blind, **God** would reward him at the resurrection of the godly.

This doesn't mean that it's wrong for us to show love to our friends, brothers relatives and neighbors. But our love for them could be just selfishness disguised as love if we have hidden motives.

God is calling us to a higher love, one that is pure like **His**. **He** wants us to show love to those whom most people neglect, ignore, and even hate. True humility has no plans for being exalted by other people. It only desires the praise of **God**.

Angie Thomas

Notable African American Jackie Joyner-Kersey, 1962-now Track and Field Athlete



Jackie Joyner-Kersey, was born Jacqueline Joyner on March 3, 1962, in East St. Louis, Illinois. One of the greatest athletes of all time, track and field star Jackie Joyner-Kersey has won *three Olympic gold medals*, as well as *One silver* and *two bronze*.

As a teen, she won the National Junior Pentathlon championships four years in a row, and received widespread honors in high school in various sports, including track, basketball and volleyball.

Jackie thrived as a track and field star. During her junior year, she set the Illinois High school long jump record for women, with a 6.68 meter jump.

Jackie attended the University of California, Los Angeles on a full scholarship, and continued to gain fame on both the court and field. However, in 1981, at age 19, she began to focus on training for the Olympics, specifically for the heptathlon, an Olympic track- and- field event comprised of seven separate events, including the 200-meter run, 800-meter run, and 100-meter hurdles. She graduated from UCLA in 1985.

In 1981, Jackie Joyner began training for the Olympic heptathlon under the assistant track coach UCLA, whom she married in 1986.

In the 1984 Summer Olympics, Jackie Joyner-Kersey won a *silver medal* in the heptathlon.

In the 1988 and 1992, she won the gold and bronze medals in long jump.

In 1996, Jackie made her last Olympic run when she pulled her hamstring during the Summer Olympics in Atlanta Georgia, where she took home the bronze medal in the long jump.

She is currently heptathlon world record holder, scoring 7,291 points. She set a record in the heptathlon four times at the Summer Olympics in 1988, taking home a gold medal.

Jackie is still the American record holder of the long jump, and is still the most decorated female in Olympic track-and-field history.

In 1997, Jackie published *Grace: the Autobiography of the World's Greatest Female Athlete*.

As a sufferer of exercise-induced asthma, Jackie Joyner-Kersey officially retired from track-and field in 2001, at the age of 38.

Following her retirement, Jackie founded the Jackie Joyner-Kersey youth center Foundation.

In 2007, Jackie helped establish Athlete for Hope along with such sports heroes as Andre Agassi, Muhammad Ali and Mia Hamm. This organization supports and encourages athletes to make a difference in the world.

In 2012, Jackie Joyner-Kersey joined the USA board of track and field.

A Pillar of Salt

The Jordan Valley was one of the most beautiful spots on all the earth. *“The Garden of the Lord,”* people called it. Birds sang in the olive trees, fish leaped in the sparkling river, and vines bent low with sweet grapes. Amid all this beauty were two wicked cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. The *Lord* watched with great sadness as the people there lied and cheated and stole from one another every day.

God went to *His* faithful servant Abraham and said, *“The people of Sodom and Gomorrah are very evil. I will send my angels to destroy the cities.”*

Now Abraham had a nephew named Lot who lived in Sodom. Abraham knew Lot loved the *Lord*, that he lived a good life in spite of the evil that was all around him.

“Lord,” Abraham asked, “will you destroy the city if you find fifty good people there?” And the *Lord* answered, *“No, I will not destroy Sodom if I find fifty good people.”* Abraham continued. Do not be angry with me, *O Lord*, but what if there are forty good people, or thirty, or only twenty? Will you destroy the city then?

God told *His* servant, *“No, if I find even ten good people there, I will not destroy it.”*

So the *Lord* sent *His* angels to Sodom. It was evening, and Lot was sitting by the city gate when he saw two strangers walking up the dusty road. Lot bowed to the men. “Welcome, strangers. Kindly be my guest tonight.”

The angels answered, “No, good sir, we have sleeping mats. We will spend the night in the town square.”

But Lot begged them. “Please come home with me. Sodom is a dangerous place for strangers. I have plenty of food and drink, enough to share.

So the men went to Lot’s house. They washed and ate, and as they prepared for bed, strange noises sounded in the street outside. It was the greedy evil men of Sodom, young and old, from every part of the city.

“Come out, handsome visitors! We want to see you. Lot, where are your guest? They look so interesting! Send them out so that we can meet them!”

Lot went outside and locked the door behind him. “Men of Sodom, I know the

evil things you plan to do to my guest. Please, I beg you, do not harm these visitors.”

But the men would not listen. They pushed Lot aside and tried to break down the door. The angels pulled Lot inside and blinded the wicked men gathered outside the house. It was then that Lot knew his visitors were from the **Lord**.

“You must leave this wicked city at once.” the angels said. The Lord has sent us to destroy it. Take your family and run for your lives. Do not stop or look back. If you do, you will also be destroyed with the city.”

So Lot, his wife, and two daughters ran up the valley, and flames of fire rained down on Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot could feel the heat from the burning city behind him. “Run, my wife and my daughters, run! Do not look back. The **Lord** will watch over us on the mountain.”

But Lot’s wife cried bitter tears as she thought of her house and her belongings burning up in the fire. She had to have just one last look, so she turned her head. In an instant, she became a pillar of salt!

Lot and his daughters made it safely up the mountain, where they found Abraham waiting for them. Down in the valley, nothing remained of Sodom and Gomorrah but ashes. And there, by the side of the road, stood a tall rock made of solid salt.

The next issue will tell the story of **Brother** against **Brother**

The Deacon

Biblical Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Here and now I give ___ of my possessions to the poor (Luke 19:8)

5. by him we cry, ___, Father (Rom 8:15)

9. every willing man skilled in any ___ will help you (1 Chr 28:21)

14. I will make thee ruler ___ many things (Matt 25:23) KJV

15. Surely the nations are like a ___ in a bucket (Isa 40:15)

16. Sarah's Egyptian handmaid (Gen 25:12)

17. ___; God hath numbered thy kingdom (Daniel 5:26 KJV)

18. in the morning to ___ labourers into his vineyard (Matt 20:1)

19. we spend our years as ___ that is told (1,4) (Ps 90:9) KJV

20. He ___ the temple area and began driving out (Luke 19:45)

22. he spat on the ground, and made clay of the ___ (John 9:6) KJV

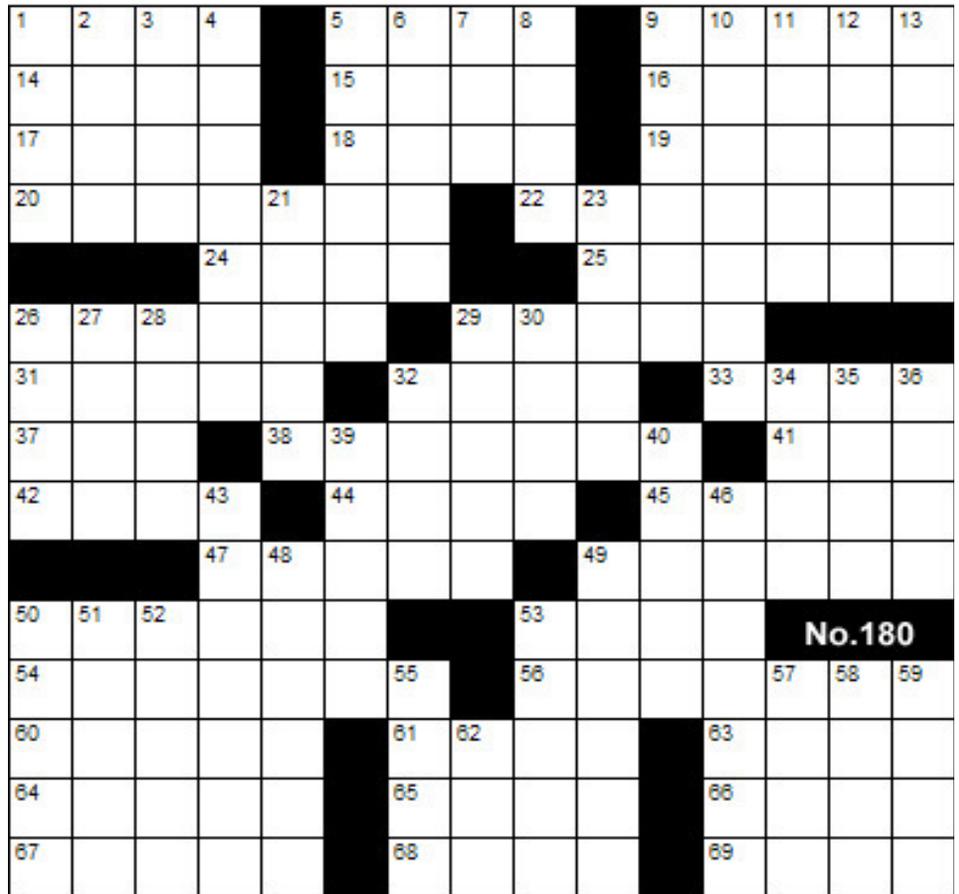
24. To do justice and judgment is ___ acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice (Prov 21:3)

25. But ___ you repent, you too will all perish (Luke 13:3)

26. from the Sovereign LORD comes ___ from death (Ps.68:20)

29. hath eternal life; and I will ___ him up at the last day (John 6:54)

31. Man does not live on bread ___ (Matt 4:4)



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32. eyes they have closed; ___ at any time they should see (Matt 13:15)

33. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. ___ doubting and believe (John 20:27)

37. Abraham bought for a ___ of money of the sons of Emmor (Acts 7:16)

38. son of Kenaanah went up and ___ Micaiah in the face (1 Kings 22:24)

41. Eber, Misham, Shemed who built ___ and Lod (1 Chron 8:12)

42. Adam and Eve both ate from the ___ of good and evil (Gen 3:12-13)

44. What ___ you that you keep on arguing? (Job 16:3)

45. no decree or ___ that the king issues can be changed (Dan) 6:15

47. They may ___ only virgins of Israelite descent (Ezek 44:22)

49. Use honest ___ and honest weights (Lev 19:36)

50. David fought Goliath with ___ and a stone(1,5) (1 Sam 17:50)

53. Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; ___ awake and you (Prov 20:13)

54. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and ___ him (Luke 17:16)

56. looked like a sea of glass, clear as ____ (Rev 4:6)
 60. If you ____ against the LORD today, tomorrow he will be angry (Josh 22:18)
 61. Which ____ shadow of things to come; but the body is (3,1) (Col 2:17)
 63. whosoever shall compel thee to go a ____, go with him twain (Matt 5:41)
 64. and a gentle tongue can break ____ (1,4) (Prov 25:15)
 65. Mordecai the Jew was second in ____ to King Xerxes (Est 10:3)
 66. ____ for that day is great (Jer 30:7)
 67. items, units (1 Cor.12:12)
 68. every ____ will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God (Rom 14:11)
 69. so is good ____ from a far country (Prov 25:25)

DOWN

1. Then he said unto him, Come ____ with me, and eat bread (1 King 13:15)
 2. Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth ____ (Josh 7:2)
 3. I have neither ____ on usury, nor men have lent to me (Jer 15:10)
 4. called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's ____ (1 Cor.7:22) KJV
 5. They neither worship the LORD nor ____ to the decrees (2 Kings 17:34)
 6. the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the ____ (Jer 25:10)

7. to those in Hormah, ____ Ashan, Athach (1 Sam 30:30)
 8. bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and ____, and peacocks (1 King 10:22)
 9. break their ____, they say, and throw off their fetters (Ps 2:3)
 10. The quiver ____ against his side, along with the flashing spear (Job 39:23)
 11. in the third row a jacinth, an ____ and an amethyst (Ex 28:20)
 12. He who digs a hole and scoops it out ____ into the pit (Ps 7:15)
 13. king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar ____ (1 King 9:11)
 21. Delilah took new ____ and tied him with them (Judg 16:12)
 23. Issachar by their clans were: through Puah, the ____ clan (Num 26:23)
 26. drove the sea back with a strong ____ wind (Exod 14:21)
 27. does his neighbor no wrong and casts no ____ on his fellowman (Ps 15:3)
 28. How the oppressor has ____ to an end! (Isa 14:4)
 29. Jesus still made no ____, and Pilate was amazed (Mark 15:5)
 30. the poison of ____ is under their lips (Rom 3:13) KJV
 32. A lion has come out of his ____ (Jer 4:7)
 34. through painful ____ you will eat of it (Gen 3:17)
 35. The death he died, he died to sin ____ for all (Rom 6:10)
 36. censers, sprinkling bowls, ____, lampstands (Jer 52:19)

39. A ____ herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside (Mark 5:11-12)
 40. the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to ____ (Rom 8:21)
 43. throw down thine ____ place, and shall break down thy (Ezek 16:39) KJV
 46. Neither is there any ____ betwixt us, that might lay his hand (Job 9:33) (KJV)
 48. broaden the path beneath me, so that my ____ do not turn (2 Sam 22:37)
 49. ____ sail, and so were driven (Acts 27:17) KJV
 50. ____ seizes him by the heel; a snare holds him (1,4) (Job 18:9)
 51. When the queen of ____ heard about the fame of Solomon (1 King 10:1)
 52. Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave ____ (Prov 12:24)
 53. Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the ____ (Mark 9:25)
 55. a light shining in a ____ place, until the day dawns (2 Peter 1:19)
 57. son of man, take thee a ____, and lay it before thee (Ezek 4:1)
 58. Israel, who pursued ____ of righteousness (1,3) (Rom 9:31)
 59. Although I am ____ than the least of all God's people (Eph 3:8)
 62. where two seas met, they ____ the ship aground (Acts 27:41)

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	Hour of Power Word Study	6:30 pm
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3rd Saturday	Women Ministry	10:00 am
3rd Sunday	Men Ministry Meeting	11:30 am
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