

Lesson in Humility Luke 14 v 1 - 14

This is the last of the 'lessons' we have been studying in Luke. The previous lessons have included lessons in love, lessons in prayer, lessons in money, lessons in courage and lessons in language.

It has been suggested that this final lesson, that in humility, is the hardest of all the lessons Luke gave.

Why do you think humility is hard?

The opposite of humility is pride. Read Proverbs 16 v 18.

Pride goes before a fall, can you think of modern examples where pride has caused a person's downfall?

There is a scale which runs false humility, genuine humility, pride

What do you think are the characteristics of false humility?

How is false humility different from genuine humility?

An article in Fox news in 2013 is headed % ways to tell if humility is real or fake. It says whether in business, politics, sport or in the classroom (I would add or church) there are lots of people who feign humility but in fact care only about their own agenda

How to spot them

1. Real humility leads a person to be curious about and concerned for others not fixated on how others can lead to their own enrichment
2. Humility is about true service not self congratulation
3. In admitting an error or acknowledging that one is wrong, the humble person not only apologises but also changes course
4. Real humility builds up, false humility tears down
5. The more responsibility or power one has the more humility they need

Discuss

Finally read Philippians 2 v 1 – 11 as the ultimate example of true humility

