



## A Spirit of Humility



I had a holy moment with one of my sons last night as I was moving laundry from the washing machine to the dryer. It always amazes me to see God's hand in the midst of these mundane moments.

My husband had given our son some constructive criticism regarding an event that took place that day, and he wanted to get my "take" on the situation. Did I feel the same way that Dad did? Were his actions a little bit questionable?

As I paused and groped for words that would be truthful yet affirming, I thanked God for his open and vulnerable spirit and prayed that I would honor it. He isn't always like this. Bob and I have often said that this same boy could be a great lawyer someday. He is very smart and logical and can argue well and long if he feels his rights have been violated or his integrity compromised. Last night he had a completely different demeanor. He approached me in humility, wanting the truth.

"Wow", I thought, "It will be amazing to see what God can do with him if he learns to approach life this way." What could God do with all of us, if we did the same?

*"These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are **humble and contrite** in spirit, and who tremble at my word. Isaiah 66:2*

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to **walk humbly**<sup>[a]</sup> with your God. Micah 6:8*

*Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He **guides the humble** in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. Psalms 25:8-9*

*For the LORD takes delight in his people; he **crowns the humble with victory**. Psalm 149:4*

*He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling. Then*

*he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. **Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.** Daniel 10:11-12*

I approached today asking God for that same spirit of humility. Would you be willing to do the same?

Blessings to you today,

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