

HUMILITY



PUTTING
OTHERS FIRST
BY GIVING UP
WHAT YOU THINK
YOU DESERVE.



READ ROMANS 12:10

DAY 1

This month is all about humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. That's HARD! It comes naturally to put ourselves first. It takes way more effort to think of someone else's needs above our own.

One BIG way we can show humility is by choosing to serve. To serve simply means to pay attention to the people around you and find ways to help them. Paul tells us in Romans 12:10 to love each other and honor others more than ourselves. When you choose to serve, you're showing others how much you care about them. Serving means you choose to honor them and put them first.

Write the words of today's verse on a piece of paper in large letters. Decorate the verse any way you'd like. Then cut the paper apart into four or five pieces to create a puzzle. Shuffle the pieces into a stack. Ask a younger sibling or friend to work to put the puzzle together. Then read the verse aloud and tell him/her what it means to you.

THANK God for reminding you to put others first by loving and serving this week.

READ 1 PETER 3:8

DAY 2

It's hard to show humility when you're mad. When you think your way is the right way, or when you disagree with someone, it's hard to think about putting that person first. But even when you're mad, even when you disagree, God still wants you to choose to love. He still wants you to serve. And He still calls those who follow Him to be understanding and kind and tender and loving. You can choose to put the other person first and let go of being "right" or winning the argument.

So here's a BIG humility challenge. Think of the last time you were in a disagreement with someone. Do you have that person in your mind? Your challenge this week is to find a way to serve that person. When you're finished serving, write down what happened in the space below.

ASK God to help you follow through with your humility challenge this week.



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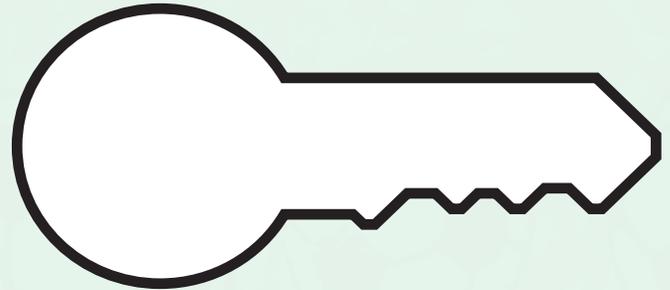
READ PROVERBS 15:33

DAY 3

There's a secret to truly being humble. In order to put others first, you have to understand God's place of authority and honor. He is the maker of the universe. There is nothing more powerful and no one more loving.

So how come we forget this? Maybe it's because we want to be in charge. Or we think our way is better. Or we want to get all the credit. But we're not in charge. Our way isn't better and the credit really doesn't belong to us. A wise person understands that humility starts with a true understanding of who God is and choosing to show Him honor first.

Read the first part of Proverbs 15:33 again. Wisdom teaches what? Write down your answer in the key to the right.



LOOK for ways to show humility by respecting God this week.

READ PSALM 138:6

DAY 4

God doesn't have to show humility. He could have His way simply because He's God. He could even force us to love Him. Instead, God allows us to choose Him. And though He is big and powerful, He is also loving and kind. And He proved His love by sending Jesus, His only son, as a gift to us. Jesus came to serve, to show us who God is, and to give His life for us. Serving and humility go hand-in-hand, and we see that in the way God loves and cares for us.

Who is someone in your family that is really great at serving others? Your mom? Your dad? Older sister or brother? At your next family meal, pay attention to the way your mom serves you and your family. Did your dad prepare all the food? Did your sister go the store and buy all the groceries? Who cleans up when everyone is finished eating? Take time to thank your family for one specific way she or he served you.

KNOW that you can put others first by serving when you understand how much God loves and cares for you.

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