

“Preparation To Be Sent By God” *Isaiah 6:1-8*

If the doorposts in Heaven which are inanimate objects can shake in awe and the Jews of Isaiah’s day are not shaking, then there’s something seriously wrong with these Jews and that’s why they’re in desperate need of a prophet sent by God.

No man can function as a minister of the Gospel unless he has his eyes on Jesus Christ.

Anyone who truly sees and experiences God is NEVER the same afterward; nothing humbles us like a vision of the holiness of Almighty God!

Governed or enforced humility is submission to legitimate authority and genuine humility is the virtue of having complete grace orientation as the Lord Jesus Christ had.

Through our consistent learning and applying biblical truth, our arrogance is actually humbled as we’re filled with the Holy Spirit, oriented to God’s grace, personally in love with God the Father, impersonally loving all His creation, developing a personal sense of our own spiritual destiny from a laser focus on the Lord Jesus which raises us to the highest level of function in the Christian life!

There are many hidden arrogance traps which we are unaware of but humility protects us from all of them.

Poise is an expression of humility under pressure from grace dependence upon the Lord; so it’s recognition that a far greater power is operating in our lives than we could ever have on our own. The relationship among believers in a congregation should always be one of humility or grace-oriented thinking.

If God doesn’t promote us, we’re not promoted; we can only be promoted through our residence, function and subsequent momentum inside of His experiential plan for us.

It isn’t so much what we’re doing but how and why we’re doing it: Christian service performed while living in the world system glorifies self, while the same Christian service performed in the experiential plan of God glorifies Him.

And for us with the great virtue of humility, we are protected against demon influence in the world and actually, humility is so powerful that it protects us from virtually everything in life because it’s a complete orientation to God’s policy of grace.

All decisions made from the virtue of humility are decisions made from a position of strength, so these decisions avoid involvement in the world system and resulting demon influence.

All degeneracy in society begins with the malfunction of authority in the home and today we see permissiveness in the home with the failure to lovingly discipline to teach what is right and wrong and to reward for doing right and after about two generations of this, we go into a downward spiral of social disintegration.

Authority is the key to freedom, humility and honor; we cannot have authority without freedom, nor can we have freedom without authority.

Freedom belongs to those who can take responsibility for their own decisions; so, in raising children in the home, freedom is given gradually as virtue grows.

Our free will or volition, not our emotions, becomes the basis for how things turn out in our lives.

But government was not designed to solve our problems and therefore, when government is most effective, people with personal problems and the poor are cared for by their families and if not, by charitable institutions and a government doing it right, does not get involved at all.

The expression of authority in life is based on honor, integrity, wisdom, leadership and ability and it’s not based on love, with the one exception being marriage.

Because love is the basis for the expression of the husband's authority, a system of open communication between husband and wife in all matters of mutual interest must exist in the marriage.