

**Title: Humility—the door to God.**

**Text: Jas 4:5-9** *5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.*

**Intro: III. Humility is like a door that gets you closer to God. III. Luke 11 prayer.** Each act of humility is a step closer to God.

- Walls are built to keep the proud from being close to God. ( God resists the proud) God put a door in that wall called humility.

**Trans: Humility it's the door to:**

**Point:**

**I Understanding God's word.** - *Pro 1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.*

**II. Being lifted up** - *Jas\_4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

**III. Giving God control in your life. Jam 4:7** *Submit yourselves therefore to God....*

- Humble yourself means to force God's will on yourself.
- you are mastered by something. - *Rom 6:16 KJV Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*
- humility is when you make God your master.
- you must humble yourself before God.
- you can't justify disobedience and claim humility.
- letting God have His way in your life is what actually brings healing. Forcing your will in your life is pride and pride drives God out of your life.

**IV. Trusting God with your troubles.** When you see injustice you trust God is in charge and commit it to Him. *1Pe 5:5-7 KJV 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

- **clothed with humility** = something you put on the outside that eventually changes temperature of the inside.

- **Humble yourselves** = you have the power to force yourself to obey God.

- **Casting all your care upon him** = Believing God is in charge

**Conc: Apply the tool of humility to achieve the greatness God has designed for you.**