

## Upcoming Events

**Business Meeting: April 12 at 4:30 p.m.**  
**Ladies Bible Class: April 19 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Preliminary Planning for Fall 2020 Meeting**  
**Panera Bread Open Bible Study: TBD**

## Quotes about Humility by Some Common Men

*“A great man is always willing to be little.”* Ralph Waldo Emerson

*“Humility is not thinking less of myself; it’s thinking of myself less.”* C. S. Lewis

*“Often the problem turns out to be me.”* Shane Parrish

## April Birthdays

3 Amanda Hoffman 6 Susan Hudson 16 Alana Hudson  
23 Shannon Hudson 26 Stori Rose Hoffman

## April Anniversaries

19 Bill & Kena Brown

### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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(Vacant)

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# Indio Informer

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## What does it mean to be humble?

By Robert Notgrass

Well, the Bible states that we are to be clothed with humility (1 Peter 5:5). We are to humble ourselves under God (1 Peter 5:6). Jesus said, *“Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matthew 18:4). Thus, we are to serve *“the Lord with all humility of mind”* (Acts 20:19).

In the Bible, we read of examples we can follow of those who were humble. Regarding Christ, it is recorded that He, *“being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross”* (Philippians 2:8). King Hezekiah, *“humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah”* (2 Chronicles 32:26). From the pen of God, we see, *“how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son’s days will I bring the evil upon his house”* (1 Kings 21:29).

Now, we can show humility in different ways. First, it can be shown by serving one another. Paul wrote, *“... be at peace among yourselves”* (1 Thessalonians 5:13). The Hebrew writer said, *“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister”* (Hebrews 6:10). Therefore, *“let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works”* (Hebrews 10:24).

Second, humility is shown by preferring one another. Being, *“kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another”* (Rom. 12:10). Timothy was told to *“observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality”* (1 Timothy 5:21). *“Therefore all*

*things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.*" (Matthew 7:12).

Third, in showing humility, we must love all people. Paul said to, *"walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor"* (Ephesians 5:2). Thus, *"Let brotherly love continue"* (Hebrews 13:1).

Fourth, we show humility by working for others. We are commanded to be, *"perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"* (Ephesians 4:12). *"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"* (Philippians 2:12). Therefore, *"whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed"* (James 1:25).

Fifth, we demonstrate humility by edifying and encouraging others. Many times, Christians forget that we are supposed to be, *"the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love"* (Ephesians 4:16). *"not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God"* (Colossians 2:19). So, *"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another"* (Romans 14:19).

Living in humility is shown to be difficult when everyone goes their own way, does their own thing and forgets that they are connected to the body. Paul showed this confusion when the saints of Corinth even came together when he said, *"How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying"* (1 Corinthians 14:26). Thus, if something in the worship causes another to stumble and be unstable in his faith, how can that leader be humbly edifying others?

Therefore, we ought to always ask ourselves, *"O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"* (Micah 6:8). For, *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth"* (Colossians 3:1-2). *"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith"* (Romans 12:3).

## **Try Giving Yourself Away**

By Patrick Hogan

In the late 1940s, David Dunn wrote a delightful little book by the above title. He determined that he would practice, as a hobby, the art of giving himself to other people. His goal was to do small, thoughtful deeds for others as he went about his daily activities. He found that while such kindnesses did not cost him very much in terms of money, time or effort, they brought great results.

His kindnesses might range from a simple smile shared with a passerby, a word or note of appreciation, or a word of encouragement. He found that while such deeds brought an element of joy to the recipient, he was the one whose heart became filled with joy. In the chapter entitled "Bread Upon the Waters," he stated, "Doing what we can to make life more livable for other people makes our own life fuller. Friends multiply and good things come to us from every direction. The world has a way of balancing accounts with givers-away - provided their hands aren't outstretched for return favors."

While Dunn's book is not specifically a religious volume, his practice of giving himself to others is based upon a principle expressed by Jesus Himself. In Acts 20:35, the apostle Paul stated, *"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

Imagine the difference each of us could make in the lives of those we meet if we could become "givers-away."