



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High.
Title: What is Genuine Humility?
Lesson: 74

Text: Acts 14:11-20
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Acts 14:11–20 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have become like men and have come down to us.” 12 And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out 15 and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.

16 “In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; 17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” 18 Even saying these things, with difficulty they restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them. 19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. 20 But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

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Isaiah 14:14 ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself *like the Most High.*’

Why did they believe that way?

“Lycaonian” language

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**If Satan cannot derail our witness by persecution
he will try _____.**

Any God-given success in ministry will be rooted in _____.

Why is it important to be humble?

James 4:6–7 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

The praise of man is a test.

Proverbs 27:21 The crucible is for silver and the furnace for gold, And each is tested by the praise accorded him.

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Common grace

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Implications

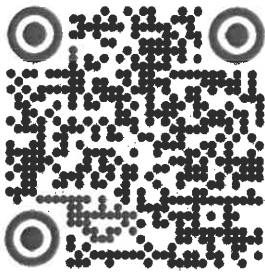
1. Never _____ when opposition comes.

2. We must resist _____ and strive to be humble.

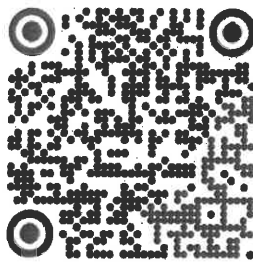
**True humility is _____ in its love,
assertiveness, dogmatism, confrontation, intolerance,
and in _____.**

Discussion Guide

1. We have defined three virtues that are necessary for true spiritual success - Perseverance, boldness, and humility. Why are they necessary and what should they look like in our lives?
2. Isaiah 14:14 gives us Satan's strategy. According to Isaiah, what should we be looking for? Why do we see him as spooky?
3. Why is pride more dangerous than persecution?
4. How did today's lesson redefine humility and how is it different than the world's definition?



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Answers: praise, humility, give up, pride, Christlike, boldness, next week

