

"A Lesson in Humility"

John 3:28-30

In Jesus' assessment of John the Baptist, Jesus said John was the GREATEST man born of women. Luke 7:28

Now the world has different standards for greatness. For example:

1. The world has financial standards and looks to.....
2. The world has intellectual standards & looks to the.....
3. The world has political standards & looks to the.....
4. The world has athletic standards & looks to the.....

But God's standard for greatness has always been based on:

_____ who we are _____ what we believe _____ how we live

John the Baptist was dedicated to the Lord before he was born.

He was a Nazarite. He lived a:

_____ life _____ life and he lived a _____-_____ life!

He was unusual in his: _____, _____ and most of all his _____ to Jesus!

In the O.T. God had a _____ of _____ in the wilderness.

In the N.T. God had a _____ on _____ in the wilderness. - John the Baptist

If God the Father's life verse was... If Jesus' life verse was... If Paul's life verse was...

Then John the Baptist's life verse was John 3:30

I want us to do a spelling lesson. The letter "I" is in the middle of some very big words in the Bible... notice

1. s **I** n
2. p r **I** d e
3. a n x **I** e t y
4. l u c **I** f e r

The letter "I" is in the middle of all the devil does.

Pride is what made the..... Pride was the first sin ever committed.

In God's hate list of sin in Proverbs chapter 6, the Bible lists _____ things God hates.

1st sin on the list is pride.

James 4:6 says "God resists (opposes) the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Key thought: God gives _____ to the humble because

the humble is _____ for grace!

In our message today I want us to look 1st of all at 4 steps to stay humble and then I want us to look at 4 principles of humility in the life of John the Baptist!

I. 4 Steps to stay Humble Key word is GET

1. GET _____ the WORD. NOTHING helps us more in developing humility than saturating.....
2. GET _____ God's authority. James 4:7 *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.* James 4:10 *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*
3. GET _____ You. Romans 12:3 *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think..*
4. GET _____ people who demonstrate humility in their lives.

If we hang out with arrogant people we'll become arrogant. Proverbs 13:20

"Show me your friends and I'll show you your future."

II. 4 Principles of Humility in the life of John the Baptist

1. Write down the word _____. John 1:22-27

John was a humble man because he had a servant's heart.

We are never more..... John came serving.

2. Write down the word _____.

For he said in John 3:30 His motto was _____ of me _____ of Jesus!

3. Write down the word _____.

John was a humble man because he was a _____ man. When we think of John the Baptist we think of a mighty prophet of the Lord but when the disciples in the N.T. thought of John they remembered him as a man of prayer.

Luke 11:1 *Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."*

It's hard to _____ when we're on our _____ in prayer!

4. Write down the word _____.

John was a humble man because his _____ were _____ on Jesus.

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Proud people want people to notice _____, humble people want people to notice HIM!

3 letters will help us to stay humble!

Everyday we must keep our _____ !