

**Zoe!**  
**Part 1: Humility Opens the Way to Life as God has It!**  
***Slide Notations***

**It's impossible to trust God without knowing His nature... without knowing His nature it's impossible to become a "partaker!"**

**2Peter 1.3,4** HE, by His *divine power*, has *given to us* all things that pertain to life and godliness... by exceedingly Great and precious promises... that make it possible to become partakers of the *divine nature!*

Entering the Divine life, the Zoe, has everything to do with trusting God, whether you can "see it" or not! Life, as God has it, is offered to us for daily living but the doorway into it is *humility!*

**Understanding it's "His way or no way!"**

**Humility, what it's not... *Inferiority!*** You are created in the image of God, created good, superior fabric...  
***Worthlessness!*** You were worth the life of the Dear Son! ***Bad self-esteem!*** Your respect, self-love, value is in Him! ***Underestimation!*** Truth in knowing yourself, boundaries, abilities, accomplishments!  
**Far too many believers operate under a cloud of inferiority!**

**Humility, what it is...**

***To be humble: Knowing the truth about yourself!*** Created for good, thrown down by sin... Highly prized, purchased possession, in restoration process... But not thinking more highly of ourselves than we should... **R12.3** (servants leaders) Knowing that our hearts can deceive us, we present ourselves to God for scrutiny! **1Cor 4.4** (desires/ambitions/rationale)

***Positioning ourselves for exaltation!*** The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; Before destruction the heart is haughty, and **before honor is humility. Pr15.33 18.12** God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, **and He shall lift you up. James 4.6-10** Whoever exalts himself will be degraded; and **he that humbles himself will be exalted. Mt23.12**

**1Peter5.5-7** Be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, **that He may exalt you in due time:** Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.

**Isaiah 57.15** This is what the high and lofty One says that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place with him that is also of a contrite and humble spirit, **to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones..."**

***Bowing our will, to the rule of God!*** "This is what I know, nevertheless, at Your word I will" **Lk5.5** "If it's possible for this to pass, good, nevertheless... not my will but Yours!" **Mt26.39 Mk14.36 Lk22.42** "Though I have confidence in the flesh, and I have plenty, I count it all loss for the excellency of knowing Christ." **Ph3.4-14**

A wise man will hear and will increase in learning... the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and fools despise wisdom and instruction... hear instruction... forsake not the law... how long, seducible ones, will you love being duped... how long deriders will you embrace your mocking, how long foolish ones will you hate knowledge? Turn at My reproof and I will pour out My spirit to you, I will make known My words to you... I'm calling and you are refusing, I am stretching out and no one is taking notice... I will not answer you because you hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord... but whoever listens to Me will dwell in safety and from fear of evil! **Proverbs 1**

Bow down your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart unto My knowledge. It will be sweet in your innermost being, the words will fit well when they are on your lips. That your trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to you this day. Haven't I written to you noble things? With wise

counsels and knowledge I want you to know the meaning of My faithful sayings so that you can give back faithful sayings to those who ask of you... **Pr 22.17-21**

Who are you in dispute with God? **R9.20**

Who is this who darkens My counsel with words that have no knowledge in them? Will you disannul My judgment? Will you judge Me to make yourself right? **Job38**

**How can anyone think we can have the life of God while we dismiss His word, will and ways, for our own? The essence of humility is bowing down to the Word of the Lord, whether we see it or “feel it” or like it, or not!**

**Two applications...**

***Humility to bow to His Word, will, concepts and nature!*** When you feel confronted by His words– Don’t bow up/bow down! When you feel the chafing of the bridle– Don’t pull at the reins/turn!

***Humbling yourself doesn’t diminish your strength, liberty, value, it increases it!***

***Humility to love others more than yourself without being diminished...*** The only thing God cares about on earth is people... The only thing we need to care about on earth is... people! Nothing else on earth is eternal!

***Humbling yourself to focus on others doesn’t diminish you...it makes you a partaker in the “Divine Nature...”***

**And that’s BIGGER! Because it makes you a partaker of His Divine Nature!**