(52) Live, Give, Grow**, Go**  **Gospel Humility**

**John 17:18 “Just as you sent me into the world, so I am sending them…”**

* But there is a Mountain in Our Path…
* For many, this Mountain proves insurmountable…

The *Pride of Life*

* But I want you to understand that Pride goes much deeper than arrogance, cockiness, or condescension…
* Has much more to do with **self-absorption**, and **self-focus**…
	+ Thinking about your life as **YOUR Life**
	+ Pursuing Personal Happiness, Fulfillment, and Accomplishment
		- Seems Natural – Innocent – Appropriate…

**1 John 2:15-17**

**15**Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. **16**For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and **(the pride of life)** pride in our achievements and possessions. **These are not from the Father, but are from this world.** **17**And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave.

* + The world beckons us to plan for ourselves, fulfill ourselves, and broadcast ourselves…
	+ All in pursuit of the idol of happiness and self-fulfillment…

Gospel Humility

* *“****...The essence of Gospel-Humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less.”*** – Tim Keller

**Philippians 2:5-8**

**5**Think as Christ Jesus thought. **6**Jesus has always been as God is. But **He did not hold to His rights** as God. **7He put aside everything that belonged to Him** and **made Himself the same as a servant** who is owned by someone. **He became human** by being born as a man. **8**After He became a man, **He gave up His important place** and obeyed by dying on a cross.

**“Think as Christ Jesus Thought”**

“He did not hold to His rights…”

“He put aside everything that belonged to him…” **Surrendered Pride of Life**

 “He made Himself a servant…”

“He gave up His important place…”

1. Enter Into Other People’s Worlds

**Schindler’s List Clip**

John 15:12-13 (NLV)

**12**“This is what I tell you to do: Love each other just as I have loved you. **13**No one can have greater love than to **give his life for his friends.**

“Don’t hold to Your rights…” **To do what’s best for others**

“Put aside everything that belongs to you…” **To give away to others who needed it**

“Make yourself a servant…” **To serve others** “Give up your important place…” **To raise up others**

**Philippians 2:3-4**

Don’t push your way to the front; don’t sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

 **2. Carry Their Burdens With Them**

**Galatians 6:2-3**

**Carry one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.** For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

* **Who’s Burdens Are Your Helping to Carry…?**
* **Who’s Pain Are You Struggling With…?**
* **Who’s Difficulties Consume Your Prayer Time…?**
* **The People You Don’t Like…The People You Don’t Notice…**
	+ What’s it like to be them?
	+ What are they afraid of?
	+ What hurts do they carry?
	+ What disappointments, regrets, guilt…?

***“Measure your life by loss instead of gain; Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured out; For love’s strength stands in love’s sacrifice…”***