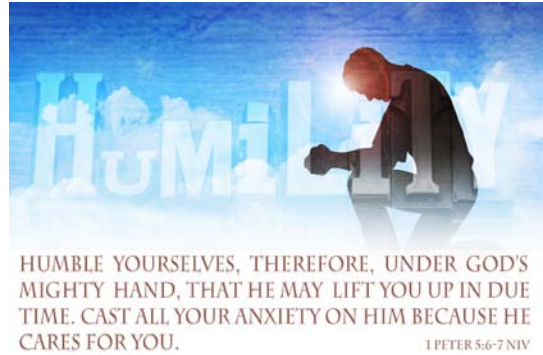


***“Humility a Weakness?” by Brother Richard Lam, a devotion given at the Wednesday night Prayer Meeting, Nov. 2, 2016***

*1 Peter 5:6-7*

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Being humble for most people brings to mind a form of weakness. In today's competitive society, companies do not want "weak" people taking leadership positions in the workplace. Many people in management or supervisory positions are aggressive, intimidating and uncaring. Humility in the workplace is not considered to be a virtue in the management of people. We live in a competitive world where we are all trying to find success and security. Promotion chasing can create a moral dilemma in many people who will step on others in order to scale the corporate ladder. Social media is constantly telling us to show and boost the highlights of our lives. On your Facebook page "friends" like to tell us about their achievements. Even at a young age we receive praises from our parents, teachers and friends for our accomplishments. Then, why is the Bible asking us to be humble and not to boost?

God cares for us. He is mighty. He calls us to humble ourselves under Him, not because He is a controlling God that wants us to bow down to Him, but rather because He wants to exalt us and care for us. As we humble ourselves, that is when we truly worship Him. We trust in Him with what's going on in our lives and believe He is the provider of everything that we have. Jesus is our ultimate example of humility. Out of obedience to the Father, He humbled Himself to the point of death on the cross. The Bible says because of this our father exalted Him just like how it says He will exalt us (1 Peter 5:6-7). If Jesus practiced humility Himself, then why would we think we don't need to? Jesus became weak so that He could become strong. He shows us that when we depend more on God and less on ourselves, then we can be strong even in our weaknesses. We have to humble ourselves to trust that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. We are still not capable of doing anything on our own and will never be. If we live in a way where we are no longer dependent on God to do everything for us, we are forgetting what Christ did for us on the cross. Therefore, humble yourself and pray to God, truly casting your anxieties to Him and trust in Him in everything. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14.