



Part 2 of 5: *Waking Up To Grace*

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
~ Jesus (Matthew 5:9)

APPETIZER: The First Step To Enemy Love

Humility VS Illusory Superiority...

Luke 14:7-9

Holy humility confounds pride and all the men of this
world and all things that are in the world.
~ Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

DINE IN: Everything is a Gift

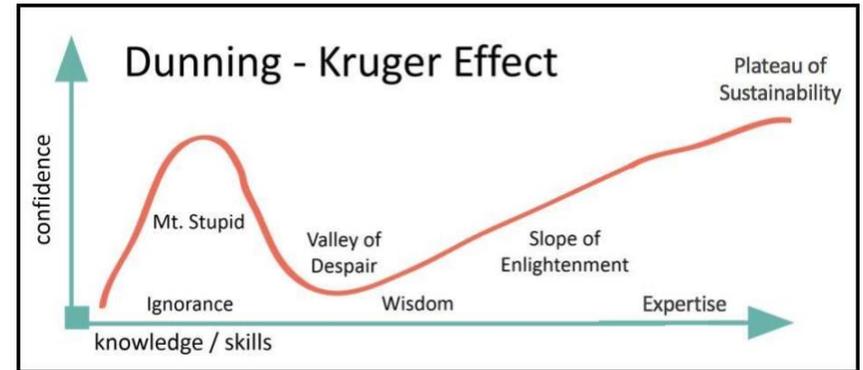
Romans 12:3-8

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.
~ Socrates (c. 470 – 399 BC)

The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.
~ William Shakespeare (1564–1616), *As You Like It*

Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge.
~ Charles Darwin (1871)

A little learning is a dangerous thing.
~ Alexander Pope (*An Essay on Criticism*, 1709)



LIFE IS PURE GRACE/GIFT IN THREE WAYS.

1. That we _____.
Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:15-17; Acts 17:28
2. That we are _____.
Luke 7:47; Ephesians 1:7
3. That we are _____.
James 1:16-18; 2 Peter 1:9; 1 Corinthians 6:11

TAKE OUT: Humility and Unity

Matthew 5:21-24; 7:1-5

QUESTION: Is there someone you have been...

- a. Taking for granted that you need to thank?
- b. Looking down on that you need to apologize to?
- c. Written off that you need to forgive?

HOMEWORK #1: Today (tomorrow at the latest), act on what you know. Reach out to the person or people that you sense God leading you to love better. And, thank God for the privilege.

HOMEWORK #2: Arrange to have a heart-to-heart chat this week with someone who loves you. Talk to them about this week's teaching and ask them for honest feedback about any area of your life that may be a blind spot to you. Ask for their help popping your "illusory superiority" balloon. And remember to thank them for this gift.

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Humility is such an interesting concept, because if you think you've achieved it, you might be full of pride! How can we know if we're really moving toward genuine humility?

Watch the home church hangout video.

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read **Romans 12:3-8**.
 - a. What stands out to you from this passage or Sunday's message?
 - b. We shouldn't think highly of ourselves because everything good is pure gift. Even our own ability to have faith in God is a gift from God (**verse 3**). How might this concept support a Calvinist or Arminian point of view?
 - c. A key aspect of humility is appreciating the full body of Christ, and our role as one part of the whole. What do you think Paul is getting at when he says that each member belongs to each other (rather than saying we all belong to Christ, which is equally true but not his point here)?
 - d. How does Paul's mention of teaching and leadership here without qualification support an egalitarian view of women in the Church?
 - e. When have you found yourself living by: i) Desire, ii) Duty, iii) Delight?
3. Read **Luke 14:7-14**.
 - a. What stands out to you from this passage or Sunday's message?
 - b. How can we practice the true principle of this teaching about taking the lowest place at a banquet in life without it becoming a mere technique to look good and get recognized as appearing humble?
 - c. How can inviting and hosting and loving and serving and befriending and hangout out with the "uncool" people of society help us grow spiritually?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. Have you been keeping up with your homework this week? What has been your experience?
5. What else has God been convicting or encouraging you about through this week's teaching? How will you respond?