WVC "The Power of Humility" Wed Nov 9, 2022

Ι. I Peter 5:5-7

- A. Humility...What is it?
 - 1. Greek Modesty, humbleness of mind, lowliness (of mind); meekness. Humble – To bring under subjection or to bring low.
 - 2. Webster A modest or low view of one's own importance; humbleness Freedom from Pride or arrogance.
- B. Humility...What it is not.
 - 1. Doing without one of God's promises... "You must be humble in every way to serve Jesus, so that's why I am poor!" "I am being humble when I am sick."
 - 2. Humility is not a state of condition but rather, a state of mind (heart).

The heart....this is what God looks at; this is what you should guard the most. Out of your heart flows the issues of life.

- Π. The idea of "Submitting to someone other than yourself"
 - A. James 4:6-7
 - 1. Two things required: (Isaiah 1:19)
 - Willingness
 - Obedience
 - 2. "Lord, I am willing....and I am quick to obey!" Don't be like the person that came to me years ago and said, "Pastor, I will do anything, anytime for the church....all you need to do is ask!" (You will never guess!)
 - B. Scriptural Reminders
 - 1. Proverbs 29:23 "A man's pride will bring him low; but honor will uphold the humble in spirit."
 - 2. Isaiah 57:15 "I will dwell with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit..."
 - 3. Matthew 18:4 "Whosover will humble himself as this little child, the same will be greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
 - 4. Matthew 23:12 "Whosover will humble himself will be exalted."
 - 5. James 4:10 "Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up."
 - 6. Numbers 12:3 "Now the man, Moses was more meek..." / Matthew 5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."