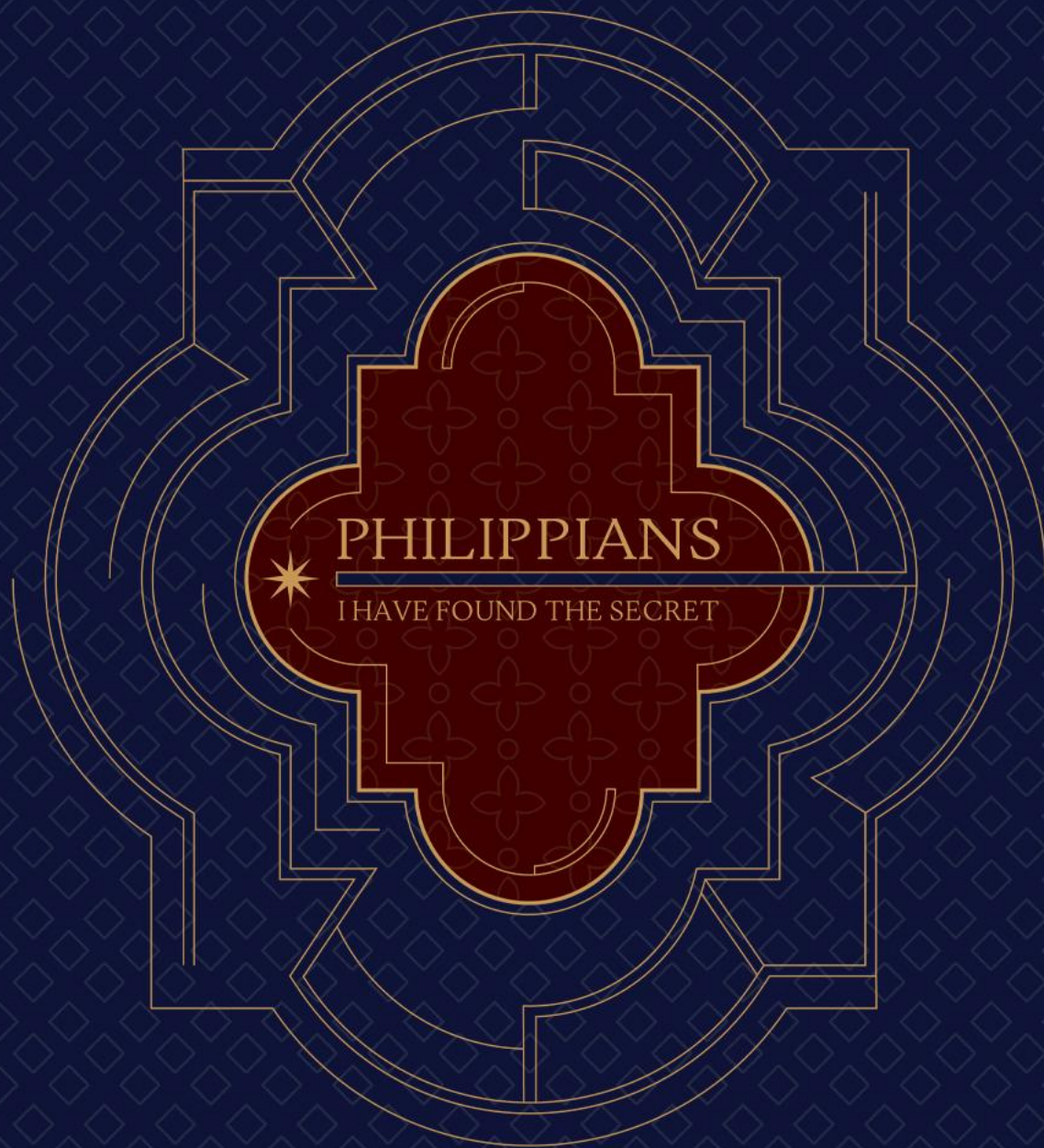




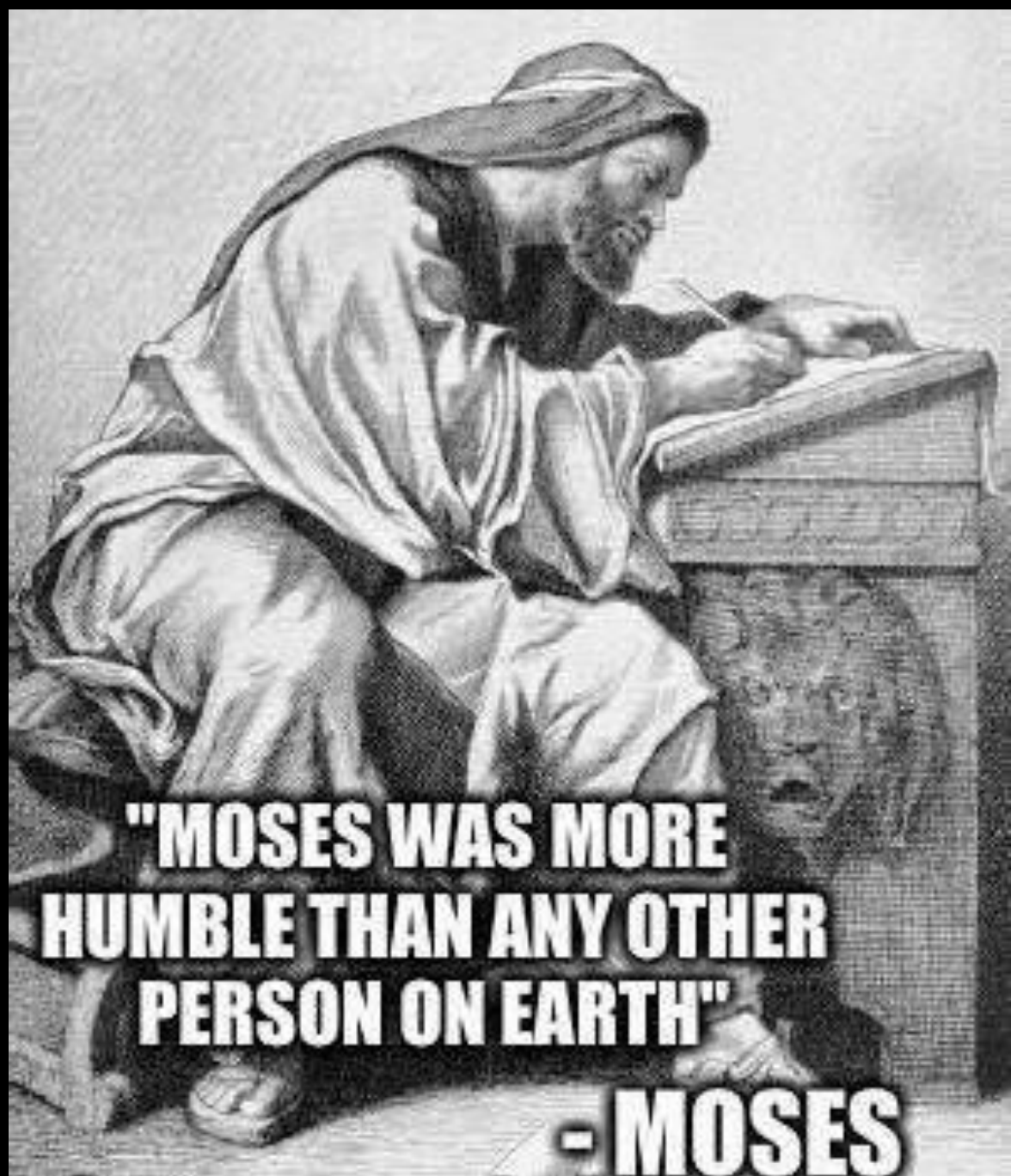
The Fruit of Humility

Philippians 2:12-18

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(lowliness of mind)





**"MOSES WAS MORE
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Romans 12:3

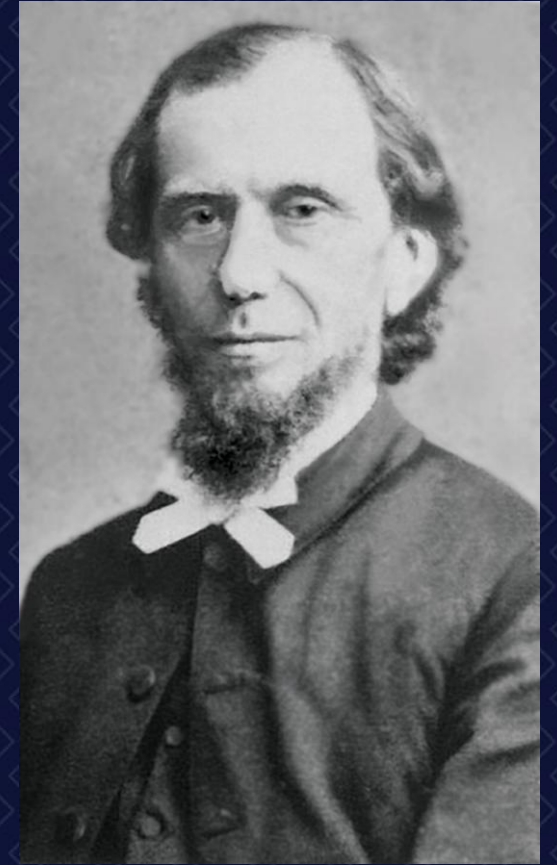
... I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.



Andrew Murray, *Humility*

“Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised.

It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in the deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.”



**THE ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST
HUMILIATION**



HUMILITY IS

Luke 14:8-10

When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.



John 8:54

If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, “He is our God.”



Philippians Chapter 2

1. Paul challenges us to strive for humility.
2. He shares the essentials for humility, which are love and unity.
3. He shares the ultimate example of humility, which is Christ.
4. He is going to exhort us toward greater humility.



Biblically, an "exhortation" is an urgent, heartfelt call to a person or group to live out their faith, which involves a blend of encouragement, comfort, and counsel, sometimes also including a firm warning or challenge.



5 Practical Applications of 2:12-18

1. Let God perfect you in his salvation (2:12-13)
2. Don't complain or argue (2:14)
3. Shine as beacons of light in a dark world (2:15)
4. Hold to the word of life (2:16)
5. Rejoice with Paul in his sacrifice (2:17-18)



Philippians 2:12-18 (page 981)

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.



Philippians 2:12-18 (page 981)

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.



Philippians 2:12-18 (page 981)

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.



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Matthew 5:48

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



Hebrews 10:14

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.



2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.



John Owen, *Communion With God*

“One of the greatest privileges a believer has, both in this life and for eternity, is to behold the glory of Christ. Only a sight of His glory, and nothing else, will truly satisfy God’s people.

Indeed, it is by beholding the glory of Christ that believers are gradually transformed into His image, and then brought into an eternal enjoyment of it, because they shall be ‘forever like him,’ for they ‘shall see Him as He is’.

On this depends our present comforts and future blessedness. This is the life and reward of our souls.”



Psalm 27:4

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.



John 17:24

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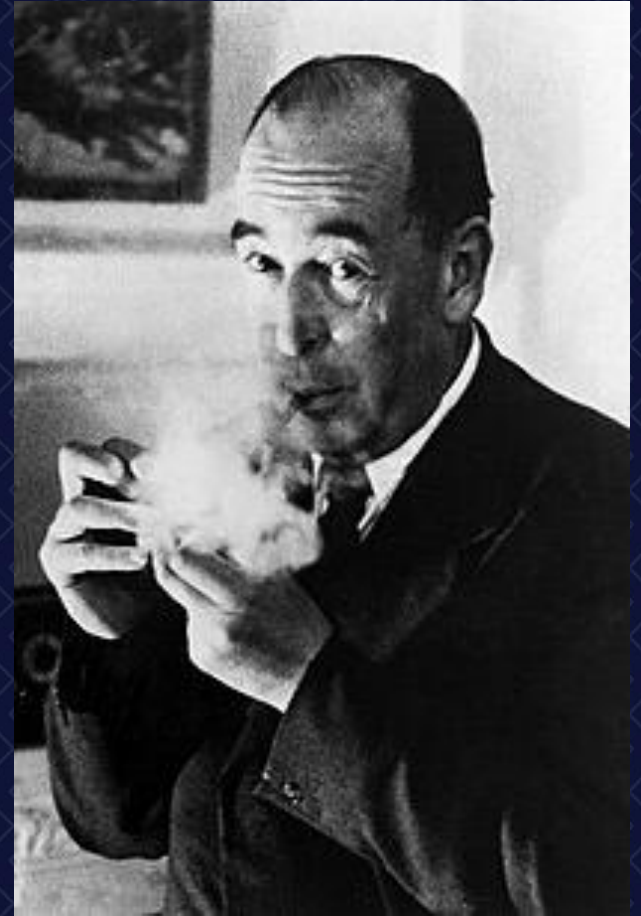
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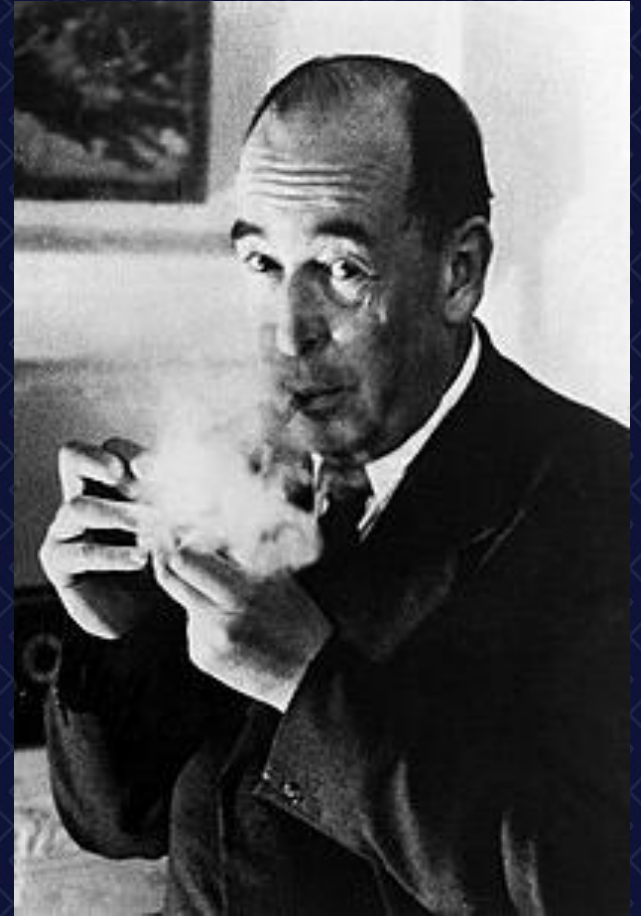
“Make no mistake,” He says, “if you let me, **I will make you perfect**. The moment you put yourself in My hands, that is what you are in for. Nothing less, or other, than that.

You have free will, and if you choose, you can push Me away. But if you do not push Me away, understand that I am going to see this job through.



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Whatever suffering it may cost you in your earthly life, whatever inconceivable purification it may cost you after death, whatever it costs Me, **I will never rest, nor let you rest, until you are literally perfect**—until my Father can say without reservation that He is well-pleased with you, as He said He was well-pleased with Me. This I can do, and will do. But I will not do anything less.”



A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)

You will find the Spirit to be in sharp opposition to the easy ways of the world and of the mixed multitude within the precincts of religion. He will be jealous over you for good.



A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)

He will not allow you to boast or swagger or show off. He will take the direction of your life away from you. He will reserve the right to test you, to discipline you, to chasten you for your soul's sake. He may strip you of many of those borderline pleasures which other Christians enjoy, but which are to you a source of refined evil.



A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)

Through it all, he will enfold you in a love so vast, so mighty, so all-embracing, so wondrous, that your very losses will seem like gains, and your small pains like pleasure.”



John Owen (1616-1683)

**"What you are in secret,
is what you truly are."**



2. Don't Complain or Argue

Philippians 2:14

Do everything without grumbling or arguing,



If we're not careful, our "accent" as Christians will be drowned out by the noise of the world. We'll mirror the bitterness, coarseness, profanity, and mockery that saturates our politics, our entertainment, our online discourse.

But when our words reflect Christ's heart in what we say and don't say, people can't help but notice:

"You're not from here, are you?"

And that's when we can say, "No... let me tell you about a *different* kingdom."



Trevin Wax



**The closer you get to God,
the weirder you'll seem to people.**

Satan's strategy is simple:
make sin look normal and
make righteousness look weird.



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Colossians 3:8

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.



Romans 12:14

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James 1:19

**Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear,
slow to speak, slow to anger;**



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...so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”



Richard Allestree (1619-1681)

“The very breath with which we
complain is a blessing.”



4. Hold to the word of life (2:16)



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2 Corinthians 12:15

I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls.



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1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



Ephesians 2:10 NLT

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.



