

Character Trait for February 5-11 is Humility

Ephesians 5:1, "Therefore, be imitators of God"

CHARACTER: Qualities built into our lives that determine our responses, regardless of circumstances.

Humility: Acknowledging that my achievements are the result of the investment that others make in my life.

Weekly Verse: Psalm 25:9 "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way."

Bible Story: Philippians 2:1-11.

Quote: "Humility is a strange thing. The minute you think you have it, you've lost it."

Leadership: Leaders demonstrate humility by giving the credit to others when the group is successful, and taking the blame when the group is not successful. They realize that it is nearly impossible to be successful without the talents and help of others.

Application:

Listen to Others

In conversation, take an interest in others, and listen to what others say instead of thinking what you can say next.

Learn From Others

When others criticize you, ask yourself, "What parts of these statements are true?" Respond constructively to criticism, even when it is not meant constructively.

Choose Wisely

When you decide how to spend your time, remember those who invested in your life when they could have done something more advantageous. Humility seeks out needs and works through the appropriate structure of responsibility in order to meet those needs.

Dignify Your Task

Whatever you do, apply your best effort. Dignify your job through the thoroughness and diligence you bring to the dirtiest and most menial tasks.

Give Credit Where Credit Is Due

Approach each task with a desire to help your team achieve its goals. Form a habit of knowing how others have contributed to your projects so that you can quickly give them credit. Do not let someone else take the blame for your decisions.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What is something you have accomplished in the last week? Who else played a role in helping you be successful?
- 2) Can you give an example of when your weaknesses were offset by someone else's strengths and you accomplished something meaningful?