

PORTRAIT  
OF THE  
*King*

A black silhouette of a person standing with their arms raised in a cross shape, set against a background of a bright, glowing sun or fire. The person's head is positioned at the intersection of the cross.

ADVERSARIES

# **“Reasons for Humility”**

**MATTHEW 18:1-6**



“Hence the saying: If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”

**Sun Tzu, *The Art of War***



- Matthew 16:21 - suffer for Jesus' sake
- In Matthew 16:24-28 - denying yourself
- In Matthew 17:12-13, 22-23 - offering Himself up to suffer for others

**Jesus' Teaching on Humility**



## KEY POINT:

A heart without humility is a heart without Christ.



1. So that we might get to heaven (vs. 1-3)

**Why Should We Be Humble?**



- Acts 3:19, 26
- Acts 11:21; 15:19; 26:20
- Acts 26:18
- I Thessalonians 1:9

**Salvation as a Transformation  
and Re-direction**



“God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.”

**Martin Luther**





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2. So that we might know true greatness (vs. 4)

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- “an acknowledgement and an attitude of unworthiness”
- Job 40:4 – *“Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth.”*
- Isaiah 6:5 – *“And I said, ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; FOR my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’”*

**What is Humility?**



- emptying yourself of swelling thoughts of self
- thinks better of others than of self
- a low esteem of its duties
- prefers bills of indictment against itself
- takes reproof for sin
- willing to have its gifts eclipsed
- likes the condition that God sees best for him

## 7 Distinctives of Genuine Humility (T. Watson)



*“<sup>11</sup> The greatest among you shall be your servant.  
<sup>12</sup> Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and  
whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”*

**Matthew 23:11-12**



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2. So that we might know true greatness (vs. 4)
3. So that we might not offend others (vs. 5-6)

**Why Should We Be Humble?**



*“Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.”*

**I Corinthians 8:13**







- We disregard their needs.
- We tempt others to sin.
- We are legalistic about sin.
- We tolerate sin.
- We set a poor example.
- We fail to lead someone to righteousness.

**We Do Spiritual Harm When...**





*“Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.”*

**Romans 14:13**



*“<sup>1</sup> We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*

*<sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, ‘The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.’”*

**Romans 15:1-3**





THE GODLY  
MAN'S  
PICTURE

THOMAS WATSON



HUMILITY

TRUE GREATNESS

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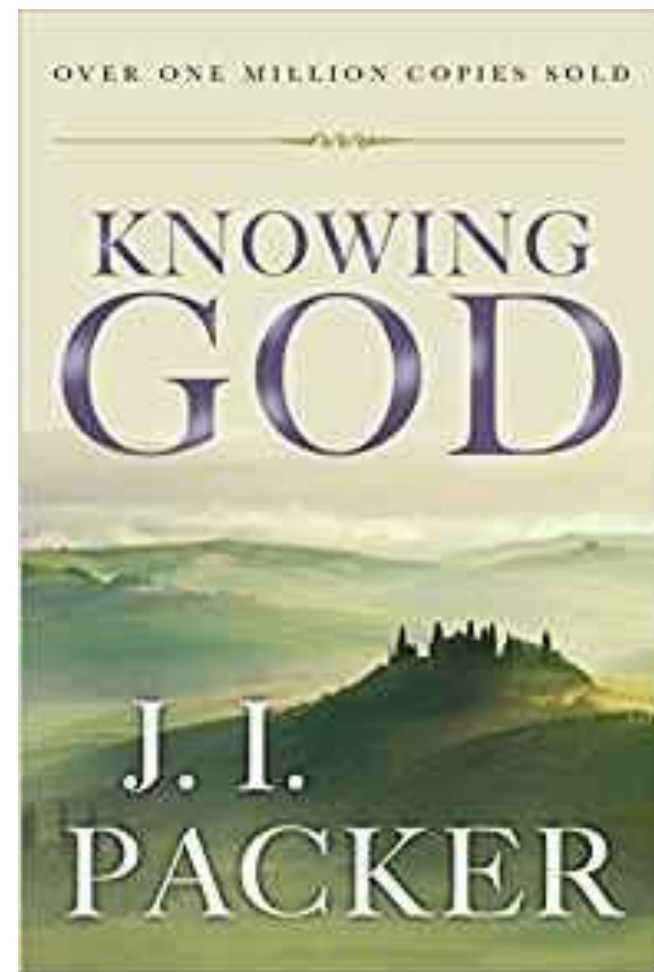
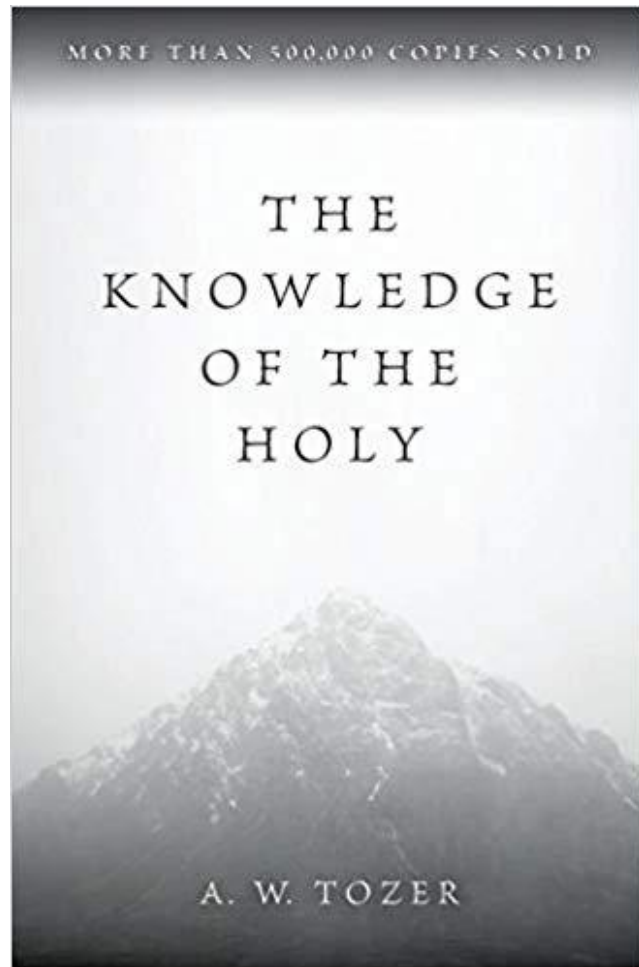
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BLESSING  
*of*  
HUMILITY

JERRY BRIDGES

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