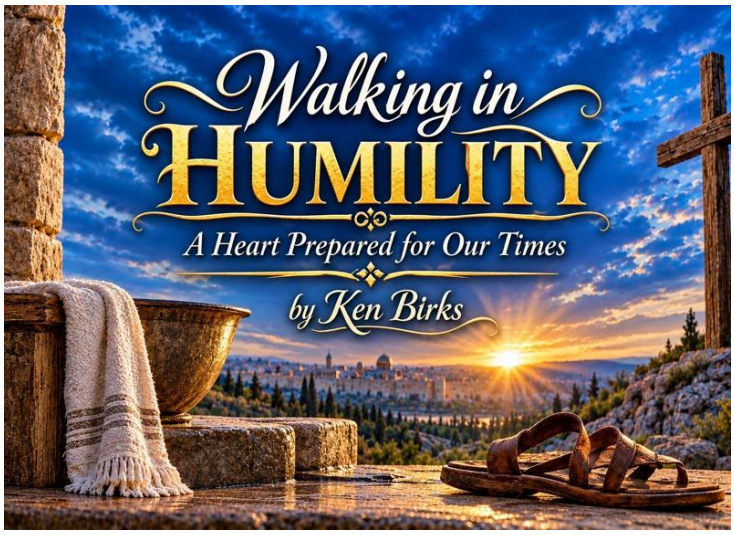
Walking in Humility
A Heart Prepared for Our Times

By Ken Birks



As we look at the events unfolding around us, it becomes increasingly clear that we are living in a pivotal prophetic hour, a season that calls God's people to spiritual alertness, humility, and wholehearted devotion. God is calling His people to walk in humility, for humble hearts will be best positioned to discern His voice, endure the trials ahead, and fulfill His purposes in the earth.

Philippians 2:5-7 *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

Humility is one of the most beautiful qualities a believer can cultivate because it keeps us close to the heart of God. Scripture teaches that God's blessings flow to those who walk humbly before Him: *"What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"* [1]

True humility begins when we recognize that we are completely dependent upon the Lord and that our sufficiency comes from Him alone. Like Solomon, who confessed he could not fulfill God's calling without divine wisdom, and like a little child who depends on a loving parent, we are called to trust God rather than our own strength.[2] A humble and contrite heart is precious to God because it honors His Word, seeks His guidance, and acknowledges its need for His grace.

Humility also keeps us aware of our need for forgiveness and leads us into full surrender to God's will. David's prayer of repentance in Psalm 51 and the tax

[1] Micah 6:8
[2] Matthew 18:3-4

collector's cry for mercy in Luke 18 reveal the posture of a heart that refuses to rely on self-righteousness. Above all, Jesus gave us the perfect example of humility when He willingly submitted Himself to the Father's will, even to the point of death on the cross.[3] As we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him, pride loses its hold on our lives and God's purposes are established within us. The promise of Scripture remains wonderfully encouraging: *"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."*[4] Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking more of God and trusting Him completely in every area of life.

Why Humility Matters in This Prophetic Hour

As we watch the events unfolding around us in the world, many believers recognize that we are living in a significant prophetic season. Jesus warned His disciples that before His return there would be wars, rumors of wars, nation rising against nation, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, and increasing deception. He referred to these events as the "beginning of sorrows" or birth pains.[5] Just as birth pains increase in frequency and intensity before a child is born, so these signs remind us that history is moving toward the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan.

In such a season, humility becomes more important than ever. Prophetic knowledge alone is not enough. Many can discern the signs of the times, but only the humble will remain spiritually balanced, teachable, and prepared for what lies ahead. Pride causes believers to become dogmatic, self-confident, critical of others, and vulnerable to deception. Humility, on the other hand, keeps us dependent upon the Holy Spirit, anchored in God's Word, and willing to receive correction when needed. The closer we draw to the return of Christ, the more we must embrace the attitude of John the Baptist, who declared, *"He must increase, but I must decrease."*[6]

Jesus: Our Perfect Example of Humility

Christ's humility was not merely a character trait; it was the very atmosphere in which Jesus lived. He sought no glory for Himself. He did not act independently of the Father. Everything He said and did flowed from complete surrender and obedience.

Jesus declared:

[3] Philippians 2:8
[4] James 4:10
[5] Matthew 24:4-8
[6] John 3:30

- "I do not receive honor from men." *(John 5:41)*
- "I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." *(John 6:38)*
- "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me." *(John 7:16)*
- "I do nothing of Myself." *(John 8:28)*
- "I do not seek My own glory." *(John 8:50)*

These statements reveal the depth of Christ's humility. Though He was the Son of God, He continually pointed attention to the Father. His life demonstrated what Andrew Murray described as "the disappearance of self in the vision that God is all."

Perhaps nowhere is Christ's humility seen more clearly than in the Upper Room when He washed the feet of His disciples. The Creator of the universe took the place of a servant and, kneeling before His followers, said, in effect, *"This is how greatness is measured in My kingdom."*

Jesus then told them: *"I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."*[7]

Humility in Our Service to God

One of the greatest dangers in ministry is allowing pride to quietly take root beneath outward acts of service. Pride can disguise itself as ambition, the pursuit of recognition, the desire for influence, or a craving for titles and promotion. Yet God measures service differently than the world. Jesus taught: *"Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant."* [8]

True humility is willing to serve wherever there is a need. It does not require applause or visibility. It rejoices when others succeed. It seeks to encourage, strengthen, and help those who are struggling. Humble servants are more concerned about advancing God's kingdom than advancing their own reputation.

By contrast, pride seeks attention. It promotes self-interest. It wants recognition and authority more than responsibility and sacrifice. This is why Paul warned believers: *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."*[9]

[7] John 13:15
[8] Matthew 20:26
[9] Philippians 2:3

In the days ahead, God will not merely be looking for gifted people. He will be looking for humble vessels through whom He can safely pour His Spirit and power.

Humility in Our Relationships

As pressures increase in society and within the church, humility will become essential for preserving unity among believers. The enemy understands that a divided church is a weakened church. Consequently, offenses, misunderstandings, pride, and self-interest become powerful tools used to damage relationships and hinder God's work.

Paul exhorted the church: *"Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love."* [10]

Humility makes room for mercy, kindness, forgiveness, patience, and gentleness. It does not insist on its own way. It is willing to listen, serve, and prefer others. It seeks reconciliation rather than victory in an argument. Pride, on the other hand, produces strife, jealousy, bitterness, anger, and division.

As Proverbs reminds us: *"By pride comes nothing but strife."* [11]

The Church of Jesus Christ will need greater humility in the days ahead if it is to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

A Final Exhortation

The prophetic signs around us should not cause fear, but they should awaken us to the importance of spiritual preparation. While many focus on current events, timelines, and prophetic speculation, God is looking deeper. He is looking for hearts that are humble, surrendered, and yielded to Him.

The believers who will stand strong in these days will not necessarily be the most talented, influential, or knowledgeable. They will be those who have learned to walk humbly with their God. They will be men and women who have embraced the spirit of a servant, who daily surrender their will to Christ, who quickly repent, who love their brothers and sisters, and who make God's glory their highest pursuit.

As we see the birth pains Jesus foretold increasing around us, may our prayer be the same as John the Baptist's: *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* [12]

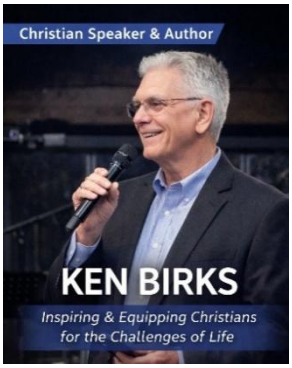
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[10] Ephesians 4:1-2
[11] Proverbs 3:10
[12] John 3:30

For when self decreases, and Christ increases, humility flourishes, unity grows, and God's purposes are established both in our lives and in His Church.

May the blessing and the anointing of the Holy Spirit be with you as you choose to walk in Humility before God and others with a heart prepared for all that God has for you during this season.

About Ken Birks



Ken Birks has walked with God through seasons of quiet wonder, deep refining, and unexpected grace — journeys that have shaped both his faith and voice. From early moments of sensing God's nearness to years of learning to listen more closely, Ken has discovered that the Lord often speaks in whispers, rhythms, and poetic impressions.

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Today, Ken writes to help fellow believers pause, breathe, and rediscover the treasures God longs to place within them. Ken's hope is simple: that every reader will feel the Father's nearness, hear His voice more clearly, and walk with renewed courage into the calling He has lovingly prepared.

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