

GARMENT 3: HUMILITY

UNIFORM OF A GODLY MAN SERIES

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, **humility**, gentleness and patience. – Colossians 3:12*

THE POWER TO LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF

Pride is loud. Humility is lethal.

One builds a platform. The other builds people.

Pride feeds the need to be seen, respected, and admired. Humility doesn't need the spotlight—it's too busy serving. It isn't timid or self-deprecating. It's bold, but grounded. It stands tall but never stands over. It's not passive—it's power under restraint.

The humble man is a dangerous man—dangerous to the enemy's schemes. Because he can't be baited by applause or derailed by offense. He listens when others speak. He owns his mistakes before they're exposed. He leads with security, not swagger.

Humility doesn't downplay your gifts — it right-sizes them. It says, "These aren't mine to boast in. They're mine to steward." A humble man doesn't have to be the smartest, the fastest, or the loudest. He just keeps showing up, lifting others, and living like he's not the center of the story.

HUMILITY AT WORK

Humility isn't about playing small — it's about showing up with the right mindset. In the workplace, humble men:

- Asking questions instead of faking it.
- Seeking input from people younger, newer, or lower on the org chart — because insight isn't tied to title.
- Serving your team in the unglamorous stuff — whether anyone's watching or not.
- Spotlighting teammates so they receive the credit, promotions, or praise.
- Resisting the itch to prove yourself in every meeting or email thread.
- Taking feedback, even from someone you don't admire.

"The X-factor of great leadership is not personality, it is humility." – Jim Collins (author of Good to Great)

THE PRESIDENT WHO SHINED SHOES

Abraham Lincoln was known to quietly walk the White House halls late at night — not for politics, but to visit wounded soldiers. He once stopped to shine the boots of a dozing guard because they reminded him of home.

Lincoln said, *“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”*

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- Q.** Where is pride hiding in your leadership or relationships?
- Q.** What’s one area where you’ve been faking confidence instead of asking for help?
- Q.** Who can you elevate this week — not to impress, but to bless?

SCRIPTURAL CROSS-REFERENCES

- Philippians 2:3–5 – “In humility value others above yourselves... have the mindset of Christ.”
- Proverbs 11:2 – “With humility comes wisdom.”
- 1 Peter 5:5–6 – “Clothe yourselves with humility... that He may lift you up.”

PRAYER

Jesus, You didn’t come to be served — but to serve. Help me lead like that. Crush my pride. Expose my ego. Replace it with the mindset You modeled — humble, secure, and full of grace. Let people around me feel lifted, not used.

ACTION STEP

Ask a teammate or friend where they see pride show up in your life — and don’t defend it. Just listen. It might sting. But humility doesn’t flinch at the truth — it grows from it. And the man willing to hear it is already becoming the man God can use.

HUMILITY

Leading with self-awareness, not self-promotion. Valuing others. Owning your limits. Being confident enough to serve and secure enough to ask for help.