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“Let no one **defraud you, delighting in humility** and worship of the angels, intruding into things which he has not seen, without a cause being vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind” ⇒ Colossians 2:18. The Bible often tells us to humble *ourselves* ⇒ James 4:10. As with everything, real and counterfeit exist. God explains both so we know what to do.

“Therefore whoever shall humble himself like this little child, this one is the greater in the kingdom of Heaven” ⇒ Matthew 18:4. Little children (*literally* infants) look to loving parents for care and provision. Their obvious inabilities make them dependent on others. Jesus said people *without* such dependent humility on God go to hell ⇒ Matthew 18:1-5. Judgment Day life videos will sadly replay when each non-Christian rejected God’s love.

False humility has a reputation and an appearance of wisdom but is actually powerless ⇒ Colossians 2:23. This is because **humility is not something we do**; it is something we **make room for**. There is a joke about a fictitious book title which illustrates this fact: ‘Humility and How I Achieved It’. Authentically humble people know everything good is a gift from God ⇒ James 1:17 and therefore live their lives carefully ⇒ Ecclesiastes 5:2.

Evil contradicts God, regardless of human opinion or political correctness. Using our free will, we can choose to pervert *anything*. This should be very sobering to those of us who are Christians. Do we often look into God’s Word like a spiritual mirror as He told us to? ⇒ James 1:23-25. Can we find out if we are deceived? ⇒ James 1:22. If so, how?

The *power* of sin is legalism ⇒ 1 Corinthians 15:56. This tells us life is **not** a matter of do’s and don’ts, *and* that sin has *power* within such religiosity. The next verse answers our question: Thank God for victory over sin through Jesus Christ ⇒ 1 Corinthians 15:57. It’s all about Him, **not** us, hence humility: relationship built by humbling ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. God’s *power* comes through an intimate relationship with His Holy Spirit. God wants to be loved *just like* He made us to want to be loved... by choice.

So, **evil humility** is false humility, where authentic dependence on God is replaced with man-made religiosity. **Crediting human effort more than God** (who created it all) **is what makes religiosity evil**. Every religion *and every atheist* centrally owns this same evil: arrogantly thinking mankind alone has what it takes (for life, Heaven, or anything!). It is creation having the hell-inviting audacity to depend on itself instead of its Creator.

You may say, “***Oh, I know salvation is God’s gift, no one can boast.***” ⇒ Ephesians 2:8-9. **Even knowing this**, we can still **defraud ourselves, delighting in humility** ⇒ Colossians 2:18. **Delighting in humility** *literally* refers to **believing we are central to it**. **This** is the same evil in the previous paragraph! God **loves** our response and **expects** our good works... but **He** gave us the ability **to do** these! **He** deserves 100% of the credit!

Christians become **self-righteous** when they **delight in humility**. The cure is living a life that **delights in God** instead of in the religiosity of religion! **This** is intimacy with God! As a spouse longs to be authentically delighted in, **SO DOES GOD**. God already delights in us, the Bride of Christ ⇒ Zephaniah 3:17. **Humble, other-centered intimacy** is **how** to stop **defrauding** ourselves, God, our spouse, and our testimony. ♥ Loren Falzone