

A Portrait of Humble Devotion to the Lord

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Theme: Those who genuinely worship the Lord humbly submit to His Word and seek to lead others to do the same.

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“...some wag might interject his curious ‘what if’: Instead of the wicked and weak kings after Josiah, what if Josiah had been followed by a string of Josiahs’ – would God go on forbearing and putting off judgment? What would Yahweh have done then? The answer, of course, is: Wouldn’t Yahweh think that a delightful dilemma? How could that ever be a difficulty for him who delights in mercy?”

- Dale Ralph Davis

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Characteristics for Our Humble Devotion to the Lord

- I. Our Personal Devotion to the Lord
- II. Our Visible Commitment to Pure Worship
 - A. Clearing out False Worship
 - B. Building up True Worship
- III. Our Humble Submission to God's Word (Central!)
 - A. We Read
 - B. We Respond
 - 1. Humble Grief Over Sin
 - 2. Humble Desire to Know God's Will (in His Word)
 - C. The Lord Reveals (in His Word)
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