

Foreword by Rod Dreher

**THE RISE AND TRIUMPH**  
*of the* **MODERN SELF**



Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism,  
and the Road to Sexual Revolution

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*Autonomy vs Humility*

Unity: 1:27-30

Humility: 2:1-11

Obedience: 2:12-18

This is how they *live out* the gospel

Two examples of people who  
live like Jesus:

Timothy & Epaphroditus

What is biblical humility?

Humility is both objective and subjective

46 And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me  
blessed;

Luke 1:46-48

Humility of mind:

Submission to God  
Dependence on God

So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me?’

Exodus 10:3

<sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, **that he might humble you**, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, **that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

God values humility because  
he himself *is* humble.

**2** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



**Selfish ambition**

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## *The Why*

Live like Christ in sacrificial, loving  
service

Go serve!