

## John 14 v 12-14

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

# Power is given

- Power is given to perform miracles and healings to -
  1. Bring glory to the Father
  2. To 'prove' the message was true to those watching

- Humility is like underwear, we should have it but not let it show
- A man wrapped up in himself is a pretty small package
- None are so empty as those who are full of themselves

- “Man fell because he presumed his own way above Gods, but restored godliness requires that man do the opposite, and humble himself before God’s will and way.”

## Romans 12 v 3

- Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given you.

# Uncover your pride

- **The test of precedence** -How do we react when another is selected for the assignment we expected or the job we wanted. When another is promoted and we are overlooked. When another outshines us in gifts or accomplishments?

# The test of sincerity

- In our moments of honest self criticism we will say many things about ourselves, and really mean them. But how do we feel when others, especially our rivals, say exactly the same things about us.

# The test of criticism

- Does criticism arouse hostility and resentment in our hearts and cause us to fly into immediate self-justification?



# Action points for humility

- **Renounce** -any form of retaliation. Leave all vengeance to God
- **Love** - by choice, not by circumstances. Let mistreatment by others remind you to overcome their evil through your love.
- **Forgive** - daily those who have sinned against you. Allow God's forgiving nature to guide you in forgiving others.

- **Humble yourself** - be wary of the serious danger of pride and arrogance. Avoid striving for public recognition and promoting yourself or your ministry.
- **Recognise and confess** -before God any sin in your life. Do not seek to justify yourself by comparing yourself to other sinners.

# C S Lewis

- As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something above you.

