

Soups On to discuss honor of humanity

On Monday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. at 875 Seventh St., everyone is invited to join a diverse group to discuss the honor of humanity.

The Baha'i Writings say, "The honor of man is through the attainment of the knowledge of God; his happiness is from the love of God; his joy is in the glad tidings of God; his greatness is dependent upon his servitude to God..."

The evening will begin with bowls of chicken minestrone soup, fruit, warm homemade bread and vegetables followed by the evening's topic until 8:30 p.m.

The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.



Jesus says in Matthew 5:3 (AMP), "Blessed...are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!"

Let's face it: humility isn't a very popular word. Yet, all throughout the Bible, the Lord instructs us about the benefits of being "humble-minded."

I love James 4:6. It says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (ESV). In other words, the humble get the help!

I believe humility is often misunderstood and even viewed as a weakness. But it's the exact opposite. Humility places us in a position to receive God's grace and become everything He's called us to be.

A humble person is also a happy person. They can take joy in their life and what God has called them to do, regardless of what the world thinks about it.

Be happy and humble-minded

For instance, you may think your current circumstances and responsibilities from God are mundane. The proud person always wants to do something they think the world will admire ... something others see as "important."

The truth is, we don't have to do something important to be important. We are important because God loves and values us. Our worth comes from Him. As we receive His love and find our true worth in Him, then we can truly enjoy our purpose in life and live in contentment.

So many people are miserable, constantly comparing themselves to others who are smarter, prettier, or more successful. But the "poor in spirit" have the ability to be happy with who they are.

My husband, Dave, is a perfect example. Years ago, the Lord instructed him to leave his job in the engineering field to help establish Joyce Meyer Ministries.

At that time, God spoke to his heart and said, "If you do what I am calling you to do ... and allow Joyce to do what I've called her to do, then you will have a lot of peace and happiness."

Dave is an extremely vital part of this ministry. We are a team, and he oversees all of the business and financial aspects of the organization. However, it takes a truly humble man — a man who is secure and knows that God approves of him — to be okay with his wife being the one "out front."

I can honestly say that Dave is one of the happiest people I know. He knows what God has asked him to do ... and he is doing it with joy.

What are some other character traits of a humble person?

1. The humble can always ask for help, and they don't insist on everything being done their way.

2. They are quick to forgive others, difficult to offend, and content to wait on God for vindication when they have been wronged.

3. They are patient and don't get frustrated with the weaknesses of others.

4. The humble person is a peacemaker. In fact, we need humility to maintain peace in our lives. Romans 12:16 (AMP) says, "Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty...but readily adjust yourself and give yourselves to humble tasks. Never overestimate yourself."

Wow! Just imagine if we all decided to adopt just this one command from the Bible. It's the way that leads to peace with ourselves and others.

5. A humble person knows

when to be quiet. It's certainly not wrong to talk, but a humble person is comfortable allowing others to have center stage and doesn't feel the need to speak their mind in every situation.

6. A humble person sees their own weaknesses and can readily admit them. When we open up to others about ourselves, it can actually encourage and help them realize they're not the only ones who deal with things.

7. A humble person happily serves other people, and they don't do it to impress others. They do it unto God, knowing their reward will come from God.

8. A humble person is very thankful. This is one reason they're usually so happy. When we live with an attitude of gratitude, it releases joy and power into our lives.

9. A humble person has a tender conscience and is quick to repent.

10. A leader who is truly humble treats everyone with respect. How a leader treats people is the quickest way to find out their level of humility.

First Peter 5:6 (AMP) says, "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you."

The older I get, the more I realize the importance of humility. In John 15:5 (AMP), Jesus says, "Apart from Me you can do nothing." I often pray things like, "Lord, I can do absolutely nothing without You today. Please help me — I need Your grace in every situation."

I encourage you to pray and ask for God's help.

By His grace, you can begin to develop an attitude of humility...and discover the

Low-cost spay, neuter clinics return to FAHS

Dr. Ron Titterington of Eugene has put the Florence Area Humane Society back in the business of spaying and neutering cats and dogs.

According to Shelter Manager Barb Hall, low-cost Spay and Neuter Clinics are now held every Wednesday with the help of Titterington.

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Rev. Pearce to speak of spiritualism at UU Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Marcia Pearce will be the guest speaker this Sunday, April 19, at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship from 10 to 11 a.m.

The title of her talk is "The Spiritual Human."

Pearce has been a newspaper columnist, a daily inspirational radio commentator and recently retired from being a full-time pastor for more than 30 years.

Pearce said she hears many people ask, "How can I, as an individual, cause my beliefs about my spirituality to make a difference in today's con-

fused human world?"

Pearce answered, "As caring people, we all want to help heal or change what is going on in the world, but we feel limited because we are only human. The question then becomes is that true?"

Pearce will address these questions and more.

All are welcome to attend each Sunday service.

The UU Fellowship is located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible.

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