

“Trusting God to Use My Life for His Greatest Glory”

Psalm 131

The use of my life for Christ’s greatest glory

1. The Essential Grace: Humility *“LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty.”* **v. 1**

(1) Not prideful

- **Not prideful of heart or in countenance**
- **With respect to endeavors and ambition:** Not seeking to do something for which I am not fitted!
Not coveting either the gifts or the place of others!

*Neither do I concern myself with great matters,
Nor with things too profound for me.”*

(2) Pride the greatest obstacle to our service for Christ!

It is pride that most hinders our usefulness unto Christ’s glory,
that most robs Christ of His glory in the use of our lives.

2. The Indicator of this Grace: A Restful, Contented Spirit **v. 2**

(1) An Illustration or Simile:

A weaned child with his mother

*“Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,
Like a weaned child with his mother;
Like a weaned child is my soul within me.”*

- 1- **“before and after”:** a nursing child → a weaned child
 - *demanding, self-absorbed → submissive
 - *crying, fussing → quiet
 - *restless → at rest, content

-2- A child-like spirit

- The life of a child *with his mother*: A very simple life, a very restful life!
 - No great demands; his sphere is very small indeed!
 - He just does as he is told.
 - He is not craving a “large sphere of influence!”
 - He is content in pleasing his mother in the simplest of duties!

- A child-like trust and disposition brings Christ the greatest glory.

(2) A Process!

“I have calmed and quieted my soul”

-1- A most critical part of my sanctification!

-2- I must learn to calm and quiet my soul. How?

- Coming to terms with my true need
- Coming to terms with my gifts and my limitations – not chafing with discontent!
- Putting off all false and worldly ideas of fulfillment, usefulness, significance
- Intent on pleasing Christ

3. The Way to Receive this Grace

“O Israel, hope in the LORD” **v. 3**

From this time forth and forever.”

(1) Impossible to attain? Not so!

- This is the will of God for every child of God!
- “Ask, and it shall be given you”

(2) Hope in the Lord!

Further Application: