

MESSAGE NOTES

Attitude of the Heart

Deuteronomy 8:2-18 Loyd Flaherty

Humility is at the root of what is needed to grow Godly fruit.

1. How God Leads Deuteronomy 8:2

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

2. How God feeds Deuteronomy. 8:3

<u>He humbled you</u>, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

God fed them in a way that would help them to be humble and trust God for what they needed daily. Mana and quail were given and they had to trust God for the next days provision.

3. Pride gets in the way Deuteronomy 8:11-14

Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

4. Remember the Lord your God Deuteronomy 8:17-18

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Conclusion: Pride stunts our spiritual growth and limits us.

We could grow so much more in God's kingdom if we'd toss out pride. Pride is not strength. Pride exposes our feeble weaknesses.

The humble grow and produce much fruit.