



SEEKING GOD IN SILICON VALLEY

Part Two: "God-Magnets"

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God treats us with even greater kindness, just as the Scriptures say, "God opposes everyone who is proud, but he is kind to everyone who is humble." James 4:6 (CEV)

▶ A \_\_\_\_\_ heart \_\_\_\_\_ God's favor and power in unusual ways.

GOD HAS TWO \_\_\_\_\_

For this is what the high and lofty One says... "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15 (NIV)

Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What kind of house would you build for Me? And what kind can be My resting-place? ...But this is the man to whom I will look and have regard: he who is humble and of a broken or wounded spirit, and who trembles at My word and reveres My commands." Isaiah 66:1-2 (AMP)

"God wasn't attracted to you...because you were big and important—the fact is, there was almost nothing to you. He did it out of sheer love, keeping the promise he made to your ancestors..." Deut. 7:7-9 (MSG)

THE FOUR LAWS OF \_\_\_\_\_

Principle: "*Blessing is \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.*"

1. *Humility attracts God's \_\_\_\_\_*

"Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them." Daniel 10:12 (NIV)

God-Magnets (Cont'd)

2. *Humility attracts God's \_\_\_\_\_*

"God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth." Matthew 5:5 (NLT)

3. *Humility attracts God's \_\_\_\_\_*

"In [Manasseh's] distress he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly...And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty..." 2 Chronicles 33:12-13 (NIV)

4. *Humility attracts God's \_\_\_\_\_*

"Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble, but he keeps his distance from the proud." Psalm 138:6 (NLT)

HONEST TO GOD...

- ❖ *Where have I been forcing the issues with my own strength?*
- ❖ *What price am I paying for pride in my life?*
- ❖ *How would my life be better if I embraced humility and attracted God's presence?*

LORD GOD, Thank you for loving me just as I am. I want to attract your blessing, not force it. As my Lord and Savior, forgive my pride and teach me true humility. In Christ's Name I pray, AMEN

**RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS**

Icebreaker: Describe your childhood home.

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

Discussion Focus: How can believers practice humility instead of forcing issues in our day-to-day Silicon Valley lives?

Prayer Focus: Let several members pray for a greater humility.

**REMEMBER** to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)