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Moses, the most humble man ever to live, Numbers 12:3.

"Moses was a very humble man, more so than anyone on the face of the earth."

David, I Chronicles 17:16.

"Then King David went in, sat in the Lord's presence, and said, Who am I, Lord God, and what is my house that you have brought me this far?"

Daniel, Daniel 10:11-12.

" He said to me, Daniel, you are a man treasured by God. Understand the words that I'm saying to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you. After he said this to me, I stood trembling. Don't be afraid, Daniel, he said to me, for from the first day that you purposed to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your prayers were heard. I have come because of your prayers."

Ezra, Ezra 7:10.

"Now Ezra had determined in his heart to study the law of the Lord, obey it, and teach its statutes and ordinances in Israel."

Paul, caught up to the 3rd heaven, II Corinthians 12:2-5.

"I know a man in Christ who was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether he was in the body or out of the body, I don't know; God knows. I know that this man-whether in the body or out of the body I don't know; God knows-was caught up into paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a human being is not allowed to speak. I will boast about this person, but not about myself, except of my weaknesses."

Peter, out of all he saw and participated in chose to speak only of the Transfiguration, II Peter 1:16-18.

"For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made know to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from the Majestic Glory, saying 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased!' We ourselves heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain."

Jesus, Matthew 11:29-30.

"Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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Prayer:

Matthew 6:9-15. "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." (NASB)

Study of the Scriptures:

II Timothy 2:15. "Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth."

Serving:

Psalm 100:2. "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."

Assembling:

Hebrews 10:24-25. "And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching."

Unifying:

Psalm 133:1-3. "How delightfully good when brothers live together in harmony! It is like fine oil on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard onto his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon falling on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD has appointed the blessing-life forevermore."

So, how are we doing? How are you doing in carrying out your part in this fellowship? Let's do like Daniel did, let us purpose in our hearts to be wholly His. Selfless, devoted to the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Amen and amen.

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