



# THE APPRENTICE APPROACH

## ESTABLISHING YOUR APPRENTICE

This tool is an excellent resource because it provides you with an easily adaptable, ready to start anytime, personalized framework for addressing whatever your apprentice is struggling with.

You can approach this tool in three ways:

1. Fill it out yourself ahead of time so you are prepared for topics you think will come up in your discipleship relationships.
2. If the person you are meeting with wants to explore a topic you don't know a lot about, fill one out together, either in one sitting or taking time to do it separately and coming back together to discuss.
3. This method is particularly useful if the person you are meeting with is meeting with others or wanting to start discipling someone else soon. Use it as an equipping tool that they can learn and use with others.

Remember, the best part of this tool is that it is so adaptable. (In fact, this has been so adapted over the years from generations of [Navigators](#), like Lynette Bachman, passing it down that we can't track down the original!) If there is a category that you would like to add, do so! If you only want to talk about the topic's "Examples in the Bible" category with your apprentice, do so! Use it to give your time together a strong, Biblical framework.

The next two pages contain an open worksheet for you to fill out, and an example sheet filled out for you on the topic of humility.



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**Topic:**

**Anchor Passage:**

**Examples in the Bible:**

**Other Scripture:**

**Books:**

**Illustrations/Tools:**

**Key Questions:**

**First Three Steps:**

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## GROWING YOUR APPRENTICE *(example)*

**Topic:** Humility

**Anchor Passage:** Philippians 2:1-11

- What does Paul say about humility?
- How does Jesus demonstrate humility?
- Reading the surrounding passages for context, how does Paul himself demonstrate humility?

**Pictures in the Word:**

1. Eliezer: Genesis 15:2 and Genesis 24  
(commentators agree, Eliezer is the servant in Genesis 24)
2. Daniel: Daniel 2, esp. V. 27-30
3. Together, flip through the Gospels and find examples of Jesus demonstrating humility.

**Other Scripture:**

1. 2 Chronicles 7:14
2. Micah 6:8
3. Luke 14:11
4. Ephesians 4:2
5. Colossians 3:12
6. 1 Peter 5:5-7
7. James 4:6, 10

**Books:**

1. [The Blessings of Humility](#) by Jerry Bridges
2. [The Freedom of Self Forgetfulness: The Path to True Christian Joy](#) by Timothy Keller
3. [Humility: The Beauty of Holiness](#) by Andrew Murray

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## GROWING YOUR APPRENTICE *(example continued)*

### Illustrations/Tools:

1. Draw a chiasmus using Philippians 2:5-11
2. [The Wheel](#); explaining that when a wheel is spinning, all you see is the hub ("Christ the Center") - requires humility to desire this

### Key Questions:

1. How do we define Biblical humility?
2. Is true humility the same as passivity or becoming a doormat? Why/Why not?
3. What happens when we choose pride over humility? (Look up verses about pride.)
4. How does humility protect us from sin?

### First Three Steps:

1. How does the person you're meeting with view humility? Positively or negatively? How much do they know about Biblical humility? (Ask these questions if you don't know.)
2. If they struggle with humility, either in their character or in their understanding of it, ask, "Can we together explore what the Bible has to say about humility?" The first week, study the anchor passage together.
3. Then in subsequent weeks, look at pictures in the Word, other Scriptures, regularly asking the key questions, and then consider reading one of the book selections together over time to continue the discussion.