

The Eleventh Degree of Humility

by St. Benedict of Nursia

The eleventh degree of humility is characterized by gentle, humble, and serious speech, using few and sensible words.

Scripture: Proverbs 10:19, Proverbs 15:1, Proverbs 17:27, Ecclesiastes 5:2, James 1:19

Topics: "Christian Humility", "Spiritual Discipline"

Description

St. Benedict of Nursia emphasizes the importance of humility in speech for monks, encouraging them to speak gently, without laughter, humbly, seriously, using few and sensible words, and avoiding being noisy. He refers to the wisdom in speaking less, as 'A wise man is known by the fewness of his words' (Sextus, Enchiridion, 134 or 145), highlighting the virtue of restraint and thoughtfulness in communication.

Transcript

The eleventh degree of humility is that when a monk speaks he do so gently and without laughter, humbly and seriously, in few and sensible words, and that he be not noisy in his speech. It is written, "A wise man is known by the fewness of his words" (Sextus, Enchidirion, 134 or 145).

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