

Humble Pie Recipe

*OK, I'll admit, it's not common to see a recipe featured in our church's monthly Walk of Faith newsletter... I thought it appropriate considering the upcoming Feast celebrations this month. Now before anyone jumps to the conclusion that we're going to be putting together a sweet pastry filled with all sorts of sweetbreads, liver and caramelized pork bellies that are biblically listed as unclean, let me assure you we are not! However, we are indeed discussing a genuine, highly relevant recipe! It's a delicious one: a metaphoric recipe put together for both the novice and the more experienced cook to try their hand at...and succeed **if** followed faithfully.*

Humble Pie

Yield: Serves EVERYONE

Prep time: Approximately a Lifetime

Total time: For all Eternity (Praise the Lord!)

Key Ingredients:

(All ingredient used amounts: the absolute largest you can possibly muster up)

Humbleness

Lowliness

Meekness

Modesty

Feel free to get creative and add other ingredients such as kindness, integrity, uprightness, virtue, morality and the like.

Directions

Please do not allow these instructions to overwhelm you. I know there are quite a few, but if followed to completion, they will result in the "very best pie" ever!

First ingredient, being humble: Strong's 5013 tapeinow tapeinoo, tap-i-no'-o from 5011; to depress; figuratively, to humiliate (in condition or heart):--abase, bring low, humble (self).

*From Webster's: 1: not proud or haughty: not arrogant or assertive. 2: reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of deference or submission a **humble apology**. 3a: ranking low in a hierarchy or scale: insignificant, unpretentious. b: not costly or luxurious, a humble contraption.*

I'd like the opportunity to break down the four key ingredients:

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1) Humbleness

Matthew 18:1~4

1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Yahshua here is showing the importance of following His instruction! In so doing, He calls out to a young child to use as an example to the others on how to live your life. He clearly says that unless you have first been baptized, born again having departed from your old self while remaining humble, you will not be able to enter into the kingdom upon His Son's return.

2) Lowliness

Here Paul explains how crucial it is not to put yourself above others.

Philippians 2:3 [let] nothing [be] in the spirit of strife or vain glory, but, in lowliness of mind, each esteeming the other as more excellent than themselves;

Yahshua states that being meek is also essential in order to inherit the earth. Let's see it.

3) Meekness

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

And 4) Modesty

Paul again mentions a key ingredient that many people today seem to always leave out while making this pie.

Most everyone seems to devote undue concern with the ways they appear to others. The hair, the nails, their clothing, and the cars they drive are not necessarily purchased because they particularly care for their own well being. Instead, they're often more concerned about possessing these things to specifically impress those around them!

1Ti 2:9 In like manner also that the women in decent deportment and dress adorn themselves with modesty and discretion, not with plaited [hair] and gold, or pearls, or costly clothing,

I'd like to add a word of caution regarding another addition to this recipe which can actually make it become repulsively grotesque! Pride. Adding pride into your day to day life is a sure fire (no pun intended) way to ruin this recipe! Why? Because it gets in the way of all sorts of things that combine against you, preventing you from serving your

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very best dish. And do remember whom you are cooking for: The Father and His Son Yahshua which takes every bit of consummate planning, and rightly so! It cannot be rushed! Practice it! Have tastings with your family and friends. Don't immediately go into it thinking that you have assembled the very best "pie" on your very first attempt!

Romans 12:16 be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Remember, God opposes the proud...you must remain steadfast in humility in order to enter His kingdom. It must be skillfully whisked in gently. Your goal here is to remain humble while receiving His grace.

1 Peter 5:5~6 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: **for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.** 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Please keep in mind that we pale in comparison to the best Master Chef, Yahshua, who assists our Heavenly Father, Executive Chef of the world.

Philippians 2:3~5 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

There is a chef who happened to be the apple of the Executive Chef's eye. You guessed it: King David. Below we'll explore some lessons he learned in His (Yah's) kitchen.

Psalms 17:8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

Psalms 51:1~13 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.>> Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit

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within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

These verses of Psalm 51 elaborate David's anguished reaction to being caught in sin. As we know, it's a sordid tale of adultery, intrigue and murder. David, the greatest king in the history of Israel, acted like the worst. He apparently thought nothing of his crime until Nathan accused him to his face. Then, in tears, David confessed. In confessing, he was certainly a unique leader of his day. He knew his place before God, and this humility made him a legendary exemplary example for his people.

(Please refer to chapters 11 & 12 of 2 Samuel for more definitive culinary techniques)

Ultimately Israel remembered David more for his devotion to God than for his military achievements. In the centuries ahead, Israel looked for a "son of David" to come and save them. They wanted a truly strong and robust leader but one humble and mature enough to realize and accept that it would be God who must lead the leaders!

Remember God is our Executive Chef!

David clearly showed us in this instance that he had no previous cooking experience. Not only that, he always wondered why it was he that would be asked to create such a meal in the first place. Together with his faith and God's direction, David cooked up a pretty sweet dish!

1 Chronicles 17:16 And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

Again from the NIV 1 Chronicles 17:16 King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?"

David had a very rare trait. King David possessed something typically not found in a powerful ruler: humility. Mindful of his modest background, he credited God's grace for his success, not his own merit.

Serving Suggestions

Matthew 23:11~12 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

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Mark 9:35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Proverb 16:19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Titus 3:1~2 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

Psalms 18:20~28 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me. 23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity. 24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight. 25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright; 26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward. 27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks. 28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Throughout scripture many have prepared this recipe, their efforts yielding quite a tasty meal, while some less fortunate ended up with a flop! There is only one Chef who absolutely perfected this “Humble Pie” recipe. That would be our Master Chef – Yahshua.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Yahshua is the most awarded Michelin-Star Chef the world will ever have!

John 6:32~35 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:47~53 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. 48 I am that bread of life. 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and

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not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? 53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Did anyone catch that? Yahshua became The Perfect Pie! His pie (His body and blood) paid the penalty for the world's sin. We symbolically eat His pie (the bread and wine) sealing us each Passover, partaking of His spiritual food. Yahshua presents the world's best Humble Pie, bar none!!!

Amen.

Special Diet Information *(A Proverb to Ponder)*

Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life.

Eternal Life!

*So, how's your pie shaping up?
Beautiful crust? Rich filling?
Whether a beginner or an experienced chef,
cut into it and dish out a healthy slice to share.
Trust me, the whole world hungers for it!
Happy Feast!
Selah*

All Scriptures KJV unless otherwise noted

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