

Pride versus Humility

Verse to discuss:

1 Peter 5:5-6 *“God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.”^[a]*

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

PART A.

God is opposed to the proud. 1 Peter 5:5a

He is always opposed to the proud. So that is the warning there. Beware of Pride.

This sin is so dangerous that God becomes our enemy.

Pride is the quality of having an excessively high opinion of oneself or one’s own importance. Self-glory, self-importance, self-will, self-entitlement.

C.S. Lewis says:

“For pride is the spiritual cancer, it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment or even common sense” and “Through pride, the devil became the devil. Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti God state of mind.”

Isaiah 14: 12 NLT:

How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning. You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world.

The enemy wants to be greater than God and the result of that, the devil becomes God's enemy. And deceived Adam and Eve that them too can be god. "Genesis 3:5 " You will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Why we should be careful with Pride?

When we become Prideful, we become our worst enemy. Pay attention to tension. Start listening to yourself and what impact it will bring.

So, what is the cure of Pride?

PART B.

but gives grace to the humble 1 Peter 5:5b

It is through grace of God our pride can be cured and become humble.

Romans 12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

What is humility?

-freedom from arrogance that grows out of recognition that all we have and are comes from God.

“Humility is nothing but the disappearance of self in the vision that God is all.”

— **Andrew Murray,**

For many of us, humility is one of the hardest traits to develop, because **it must start from a recognition that we are nothing without Christ.**

Jesus is the supreme example of humility.

Philippians 2: 5-8

Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

What God says about humility:

2 Chronicles 7:14

and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Proverbs 22:4

The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord Are riches, honour and life

James 4:10

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

What is Biblical Humility?

Biblical humility is not belittling of one self. But an exalting or praising of others especially God and Christ.

Biblical humility focuses more on God and others than on himself

Biblical humility is also a recognition that by us we are inadequate, without dignity and unworthy. But because we are created in God's image and because we are believers in Christ, we have infinite worth and dignity.

1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your

ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Truly we are nothing without the Christ.

PART C.

Humble yourselves, therefore under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:6

Two notable story in David's life where he humble himself and recognize the authority of God

David and Goliath:

Samuel 17: 46

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, **but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

David and Saul

1 Samuel 24: 6

- ⁶ He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord."

Without humility how can there be a blessing?

5 ways to distinguish Humility and Pride.

- Humility is a virtue. Pride is not.
- Humility is strength. Pride is weakness.
- Humility is attractive. Pride is obnoxious
- Humility is a choice. Pride is obvious
- Humility gives you rest. Pride always proves something