



Part 2 (Lesson 8)

Humility Vs. Pride (Part 2)

I. Have This Attitude in You!

A. Study Philippians 2:3-10 and answer the following questions.

1. What things do we learn from verses 3-4? **(We are to do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit but with humility of mind we are to consider others as greater than ourselves and we are to think about the needs and interests of others.)**

a. How do you consider others better than yourself? _____

b. Humility is seeing myself in proper perspective to God and others.

c. Beware of false humility which says, "I'm nothing" and defies God's Word

2. Verse 5 says I am to have the same attitude as was found in: **(Jesus Christ)**

3. What do we learn about Jesus in verses 6-8? **(Though equal with God the Father He laid aside His Deity and humbled Himself, becoming a servant to us, even unto death.)**

4. What was the result seen in verses 9-10? **(He has been exalted and given the Name that is above all names. Every knee will bow to Him and all will worship Him.)**

a. The incarnation of Jesus and His crucifixion is the greatest example of humility ever seen. Meditate upon this and note insights the Holy Spirit reveals to you.

II. What the Bible Says About Humility

A. What do the following verses teach us about humility and pride?

1. Proverbs 11:2 **(Pride brings dishonor and humility brings wisdom.)**
2. Proverbs 15:33; 18:12 & 29:23 **(Humility leads to honor but pride leads to destruction and brings a person to a lowly place.)**
3. Isaiah 66:1-2 **(God looks to the humble, contrite person who trembles at His Word.)**
4. Numbers 12:3 (Think about this. What does it teach us?) **(Humility isn't measured by how little we do or say. A truly humble person can be a person of great influence.)**
5. 1 Peter 5:5-7 & Ephesians 5:21 **(We are to humble ourselves before God and before others. This includes being subject to others, not being a rebel.)**
6. Luke 14:11 **(God exalts those who humble themselves.)**
7. James 4:6,10 **(God is opposed to the proud but He gives grace to the humble.)**
8. Matthew 18:1-4 **(The greatest in the Kingdom of God are those that humble themselves as a child.)**
9. Matthew 5:3-9 (How do these beatitudes relate to pride & humility?) **(Each of the attributes listed are related to a humble spirit.)**
10. John 13:5-12 (Also compare Luke 22:20-27 to see what probably prompted Jesus' actions) **(Jesus humbled Himself before His disciples and washed their feet. He did this to teach them humility and servanthood, showing them the greatness of humility.)**

"Before we can identify with the Lion of Judah we must identify with the Lamb of God."

11. Colossians 3:12 **(We are to choose to put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;)**
12. Matthew 11:28-30 (Note especially verse 29) **(Learn)(Jesus is gentle and humble in heart)**
 - a. Meditate on the character of Jesus. Think of how He related to people.

- b. How does the world view humility? **(Often times the world views humility as weakness but Jesus reveals humility as strength.)**

III. Before Honor Comes Humility (Proverbs 15:33)

- A. How is this seen in Peter? (Matthew 26:33, 69-75; Acts 2:14-41) **(Peter went through a very humbling experience before God raised him up to be the leader of the New Testament church and to be the preacher on the day of Pentecost.)**

***The greatest obstacle to a release of God's power and miracles is a lack of humility in the body of Christ, not a lack of faith.
Broken vessels are usable vessels.***

- B. Note the following quotes from the book "Holiness, Truth and the Presence of God" by Francis Frangipane.

1. *"Holiness is the product of grace, and God gives grace only to the humble."*
2. *"In our desire to know God, we must discern this about the Almighty: He resists the proud, but His grace is drawn to the humble, humility brings grace to our need, and grace alone can change our hearts. Humility, therefore, is the substructure of transformation. It is the essence of all virtues."*
3. *"The modern church has become overstocked with those who, thinking they were holy, have become the exact opposite of holiness because they so lack humility."*

Conclusion: Humility does not demand rights, is not critical and does not grumble. Humility serves others, cries for God's mercy for others, is patient with others, is approachable and receptive to reproof, has great reverence for God and His presence, sees others as very valuable, and is very appreciative. Humility is like Jesus!

The Heart God Revives

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psalm 51:17

PROUD PEOPLE

Focus on the failures of others

Have a critical, fault-finding spirit; They look at everyone else's faults with a microscope but their own with a telescope

Are self-righteous; They look down on others

Have an independent, self-sufficient spirit

Have to prove that they are right

Claim rights; have a demanding spirit

Are protective of their time, their rights, and their reputation

Desire to be served

Desire to be a success

Desire self-advancement

Have a drive to be recognized and appreciated

Are wounded when others are promoted and they are overlooked

Have subconscious feeling, "This ministry/church is privileged to have me and my gifts.

Think of what they can do for God

Are confident in how much they know

Are self-conscious

Keep others at arm's length

Are quick to blame others

Are unapproachable or defensive when criticized

Are concerned with what others think; work to protect their reputation and image

HUMBLE PEOPLE

Are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need

Are compassionate: Can forgive much because they know how much they have been forgiven

Esteem all others better than themselves

Recognize their need for others

Are willing to yield the right to be right

Yield their rights: Have a meek spirit

Are self-denying

Are motivated to serve others

Are motivated to be faithful and to see others be successful

Desire to promote others

Are thrilled that God would use them

Are eager for others to get credit and rejoice when others are lifted up

Have a heart attitude that says, "I don't deserve to have a part in any ministry."

Know that they have nothing to offer God except the life of Jesus flowing through their broken lives

Are humbled by how very much they have to learn

Are not concerned with self at all

Are willing to take the risk of knowing and loving others

Accept personal responsibility and admit when wrong

Receive criticism with a humble, open spirit

Are concerned with being real: concerned about what God knows: willing to die to their reputation

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PROUD PEOPLE (Continued)

Find it difficult to share their personal needs with others

Want to be sure that no one finds out when they have sinned: Their instinct is to cover up

Have a hard time saying "I was wrong, will you please forgive me."

Tend to deal with generalities when confessing sin

Are concerned about the consequences of their sin

Are remorseful over their sin, sorry that they got found out or caught

Wait for others to come and ask for forgiveness when there is a conflict or misunderstanding within a relationship

Compare themselves with others and feel worthy of honor

Are blind to their true heart condition

Don't think they have anything to repent of

Don't think they need revival but are sure that others do

HUMBLE PEOPLE (Continued)

Are willing to be open and transparent as God directs

Once broken, don't care who knows or who finds out; Willing to be exposed because they have nothing to lose

Are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary

Are able to acknowledge specifics when confessing sin

Are grieved over the cause, the root of their sin

Are truly genuinely repentant over their sin, evidenced in the fact that they forsake that sin

Take the initiative to be reconciled when there is a conflict or misunderstanding in a relationship; They seek to respond quickly even another is in the wrong

Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel a desperate need for His mercy

Walk in the light

Realize they have need of a continual heart attitude of repentance

Continually sense their need for a fresh encounter with God and for a fresh filling of His Holy Spirit

