

Pride and Humility



MEMORY VERSE: "Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor."
Proverbs 29:23

DAY 1 PROVERBS — Pride

1. Throughout the Bible, God is clear that we are to have humility and avoid selfish pride. How does the Bible view selfish pride and humility? See Proverbs Dictionary definitions.
2. What do these Proverbs tell you about pride?
v. 21:4

v. 16:5

v. 16:18
3. In what areas of your life do you most struggle with your pride?
How does your pride draw you away from God?
4. At this time, pride is almost celebrated in our culture. What do you think God would say about that?

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Pride vs. Humility

5. What do these Scriptures tell you about pride and humility?
Proverbs 11:2

Proverbs 29:23

James 4:6

6. What does Luke 14:11 say?

7. What are your attitudes/actions when God blesses the gifts and talents: (i.e. sports, school, hobby)
He gave you?

He gave to someone else?

DAY 3 PROVERBS — All From God

8. What do the following verses tell us about how God wants us to see ourselves?
Romans 12:3

1 Corinthians 4:7

9. What does Jeremiah 9:23-24 tell you to have pride in? Why?

10. Many of us struggle with how God defines humility. We may think of it as being weak or being a doormat. Explain how godly humility shows great inner strength and confidence.

DAY 4

PROVERBS — Humility

11. What do the following verses tell you?

Isaiah 66:2b

Proverbs 22:4

Philippians 2:3-5

12. How does Jesus' life model humility to you?

DAY 5

PROVERBS - Pride and Humility — Wrap Up

13. Humility is something that requires a lifetime of work and can only be accomplished with the power and help of the Holy Spirit.

Where do you need the Spirit's help and power to have more humility before God?

14. Where do you need the Spirit's help and power to have more humility as you respond to others?

TAKE AWAY

Write a prayer asking God to help you understand the Bible's message about humility and to help you be more humble.

BLESSING

"I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at my word." Isaiah 66:2b

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21:4 Haughty eyes, a proud heart, and evil actions are all sin.

16:5 The Lord detests the proud; they will surely be punished.

16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness (arrogantly superior and condescending) before a fall.

11:2 Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

29:23 Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.

James 4:6 God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Luke 14:11 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Romans 12:3 Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

1 Corinthians 4:7 What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?

Jeremiah 9:23-24 This is what the Lord says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know Me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth..."

Isaiah 66:2b I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at My word.

22:4 True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.

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Philippians 2:3-5 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Wisdom: God-given understanding, ability to distinguish between right and wrong, insight, discernment. The ability to look at life from God's point of view and then choosing to live it out through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fear of the Lord: profound reverence and awe toward God; respect for God's character, words, actions and position that leads to love and obedience; true honor, devotion and surrender to God.

