



*The
Wisdom and Writings
of
King Solomon*

Today's Lesson

Pride & Humility
Various Scripture

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“The humility of the leader, as his spirituality” will be an ever-increasing quality”.

The Apostle Paul's self-assessment-

I am the least of all the apostles -1 Cor. 15:9

I am the least of all the saints – Eph. 3:8

I am the chief of sinners – 1 Tim. 1:15

J Oswald Sanders

C. S. Lewis said in “Mere Christianity”

“The essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Immorality, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind. It is about pride that the Bible differs most sharply with the world.”

“Pride”

Webster’s Ninth New College Dictionary – pride, having or displaying excessive self esteem.

The Oxford Dictionary – pride, is a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from ones own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired.

Dictionary.com – pride is a high or inordinate opinion of one’s own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in their conduct.

Vine’s Bible Dictionary - translates pride as boasting, vain glory, puffed up, or high minded

“Pride”

Signs of Pride in oneself:

1. You assume that you already know everything that is being taught.
2. You consider yourself too good to do certain tasks.
3. You are too proud to ask for any help.
4. You deliberately dominate the conversation.
5. You are constantly talking about yourself.

James 1:19 “Be quick to listen and slow to speak.”

Phil 2:3 “do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.”

6. You consider yourself better than other people.
7. You disregard the advice of others.
8. You are critical.
9. You always are wanting attention, having a need.
10. You are overly obsessed with physical appearances; how you or others look.

“Pride”

Isaiah 14:13-14:

“But you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven, I will raise my throne above the stars of God, I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will make myself like the Most High.”

“Pride”

Romans 8:7

“because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.”

Right thoughts precede right actions & right thoughts determine proper emotions.

“Pride”

2nd Peter 1:3 “...seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

Leviticus 26:18-19 “...and if after these things you will not listen to Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sin; and I will break the pride of your strength, and will make your sky like iron, and your earth like bronze.”

“Pride”

Proverbs 8:13

“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth I hate.”

“Pride”

Matthew 15:11

“It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man.”

Matthew 15:18

“But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.”

“Pride”

II. Words that are synonyms of Pride -

- a. When used as a noun - Pleasure, gratification, satisfaction, achievement, dignity, self-esteem, honor, ego, self-worth, self-image, self-identity, self-regard –pride in yourself, pride in your ability.
- b. When used as verbs – I’m so proud of myself, I sure take pride in my family, or I really feel great after, You congratulate yourself for acing a test or for getting a hole in one playing golf.

Proverbs 11:2:

“When Pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.”

“Pride”

Proverbs 13:10a:

“Through presumption comes nothing but strife, but with those who receive counsel is wisdom.”

“The world’s smallest package is a man wrapped up in himself.”

Charles Swindol

“Pride”

“Not do I have Pride, but where is it in my life, and how much of it do I have?”

Stuart Scott

Proverbs 16:5

“Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD, assuredly, he will not be unpunished.”

1 John 2:15-17

*“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, for all that is in the world: the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and **the boastful pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.”*

“Pride”

Examples of those in the Old & New Testament Scriptures who were or appeared to be prideful

Joseph - Jonah - Pharaoh of Egypt -

Proverbs 26:12

*“Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.”*

“Pride seeks to un-god God.”

Thomas Watson

King Hezekiah – Nebuchadnezzar - Haman - King Saul -
New Testament Disciples...James & John, Saul/Paul

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“Humility”

What does it mean to be humble?

Jerry Bridges says “Humility opens the way to all other godly character traits.
It is the soil in which the other traits of the fruit of the spirit grow.”

In Hebrew it means – Lowly, meek, poor, when used as a verb, the **word humble means** to destroy the power, the exaltation, self-sufficiency or prestige of, or to make someone feel **humble** or shame.

In Greek it means – to make or bring low, humble, humiliate a condition of the heart -

“Humility”

Psalms 25:9 “He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches the humble His way.”

Psalms 10:4 “The wicked in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him. All his thoughts are, “There is no God.”

Psalms 94:2 “Rise up O Judge of the earth, render recompense to the proud.”

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Proverbs 16:18-19 “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling, it is better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

“Humility”

Proverbs 21:4, 24 “Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked is sin”. “Proud, haughty, scoffer are his names who acts with insolent pride.”

Isaiah 66:2b “ But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

Micah 6:8 “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. ”

Matthew 5:3 “ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 11:29 – “Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.”

“Humility”

So You want to be Humble?

“Humility towards God is akin to the fear of God: it begins with a high view of God’s person. As we see God in His majesty, awesomeness, & holiness we are humbled before Him.”

Jerry Bridges

1st Corinthians 13:4 – “Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous, love does not brag and is not arrogant.”

2nd Timothy 3:14 – “You however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them.”

1st Peter 5:7 – “Casting all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

“Humility”

2nd Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.
vs.17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every
good work.”

1st Peter 3:8-9,12 “To sum up, all of you be, harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly,
kindhearted, and humble in spirit; 9. not returning evil for evil or
insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called
for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.” 12. “For the
eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears attend to
their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

In Summary:

CS Lewis stated 6 problems with pride – it is competitive, striving for power, it strives to make God serve us, it is spiritual perversion; it puts self over everything, and it gives birth to covetousness.

Jerry Bridges says – When a believer is truly humble before God and His word, he will also be humble about his own gifts, abilities, and attainments. He will realize and gratefully acknowledge that all he is and all that he has comes from the hand of God and His grace.



You cannot be willfully and perpetually Proud and know God

Because to be proud is to be focused on your status, your achievements or those of others rather than God.

1st Cor 4:7 “For who regards you as superior, what do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it why do you boast as if you did not receive it?”



To be Humble is to win the victory over pride through Christ

1st Cor 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain, but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.”

James 4:6b – “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts