

Defining Humility

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Scripture References:

- 1 Peter 5:5-7
- Philippians 2:3, *NLT*
- Psalm 25:9, *NLT*
- Matthew 5:3, *NLT*
- Proverbs 16:18
- Mark 9:35
- Luke 17:3
- Psalm 13:1, 2, 5, 6
- Psalm 13:5, 6, *NLT*
- Luke 22:42
- Romans 12:16
- Romans 12:16, *NLT*
- Proverbs 22:4

Summary:

A humble attitude is pleasing to God. Humility is a godly character trait, but it can be a challenge for believers living in a world that exalts pride and arrogance. God very much wants to bless us; He can do so when we avoid being proud and arrogant, and shun an inflated opinion of ourselves. A humble mindset acknowledges our dependence on God, never on ourselves. It embraces a servant mentality of putting others first. True leaders are always willing to begin at the bottom, regardless of external pressures to put themselves at the top. Letting the examples of humility that David, Paul, and Jesus, Himself, set allows God to elevate and exalt us.

Notes:

1. Humility is characterized by a willingness to submit to others and depend on God. It's the difference between confidence and arrogance. Casting our cares on God is a sign of humility; hanging on to them is a sign of pride.
2. A proud attitude is a stumbling block. Pride and haughtiness are the same. Arrogance causes us to fall.
3. Jesus is our perfect example of humility. Sharing His mindset positions us for blessings. Operating in humility allows us to forgive others, regardless of what they did.
4. We mustn't let pride keep us from interacting with people on their own level. Humility reminds us that there is always something new to learn.
5. Without humility, we can't expect deliverance from God. Being a Christian doesn't mean our own wants and needs aren't important; it *does* mean we have an obligation to follow God.

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