

CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY

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PROVERBS 22:4

In the last two weeks we discussed biblical priorities and the fear of God. Today our subject is humility. Where the fear of God is, there will be humility. Where there's humility, there will be riches, honor and life..

I PETER 5:5-9

1. "Clothed with humility." We don't have it on just because we're saved or spirit-filled. It's our responsibility to put it on.
2. "God resists the proud." The devil, world, flesh, all resist us. We don't need to add God to the list.
3. "Gives grace to the humble." Humility automatically brings grace. Just as touching a hot stove brings pain.
4. "Exalt you in due time." Lift us up above our challenges with His mighty hand or the hand of His might.
5. "He careth for you." Humility involves casting our care upon Him. Doing so, we can expect to experience the touch of His care.
6. "Be sober and resist." Pride is demonic. **ISAIAH 14:12-14** - It's acting independent of God. Humility empowers us to resist the devil.

ABOUT PRIDE

1. Brings shame. **PROVERBS 11:2**
2. Causes arguments. **PROVERBS 13:10**
3. Destroys relationships. **PROVERBS 16:18** – Pride, lack of knowledge both destroy. The cure being teaching and humility.
4. Brings us down. **PROVERBS 29:23** – Some things are self-caused, not devil caused. Pride will stop us from changing how we think and act.

ABOUT HUMILITY

1. **MATTHEW 18:1-4** – This child responded to a request and submits to His Word. Submission to authority brings riches, honor, life and greatness.
2. **MATTHEW 23:9-12** – Humility promotes greatness and motivates servanthood.
 - A. **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11** – Jesus humbled Himself, became a servant, was obedient, and was highly exalted.
 - B. Lucifer and Adam were brought low because they refused to submit to God.
3. **JAMES 4:6-10** – God is watching. The choice is ours to submit or not.
 - A. God gave instructions for how to live our lives. Husbands are to submit to God, wives to husbands, children to parents, workers to employers – all this requires humility and yielding.
 - B. Without humility we won't walk in love as God loved us, forgive as God forgave us or serve as Jesus served us.

LACK OF FAITH OR LACK OF HUMILITY

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1. If these aren't evident, many will say it's a lack of faith, but faith can't override disobedience and pride.
 - A. We can't confess ourselves out of problems if we are disobedient. Remember Naaman? His healing came after his pride left.
2. We can be humble in one area and not another.
 - A. Salvation.
 - B. Spirit Baptism.
 - C. Speaking to our mountains.
 - D. Priorities

CONCLUSION:

The path to greatness is paved with humility and the fear of God. What path will we follow, pride or humility? We must decide for ourselves.