

Humility vs. Pride

- Promises for humility:**

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.
 Psalm 25:9 The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.
 Psalm 147:6 The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground.
 Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble *is* wisdom.
 Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
 Matthew 18:4-5 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Humble:

Marked by meekness or modesty in behavior, attitude, or spirit; not arrogant or prideful. Showing deferential or submissive respect

Luke 18:9-14 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Pride:

Arrogant/disdainful conduct or treatment, haughtiness, or an excessively high opinion of oneself; conceited.

Humility vs. a Proud spirit	
Generous with praise toward others	Puts others down to lift themselves up.
Does not react to criticism, accusations, or slander	Highly defensive
Recognizes faults; Asks for help, accepts correction	Minimizes faults. Difficulty taking correction
Submits to authority, and truth made known	Expects others to submit, rebels at submission
Seeks to walk in peace with all men	Operates in strife
Flexible	Stubborn
Forgives	Easily offended; holds grudges
Grateful for what they have	Braggart, exaggerates accomplishments
Appreciate the talents and qualities of others	Compares self to others; fails to credit them
Appreciates their talents, and secure in who they are	Arrogance is rooted in insecurity about self
Will apologize for mistakes	Difficulty apologizing or admitting mistakes
Doesn't walk in judgment toward others	Judgmental; Will make accusation on motives of others
Acknowledges accomplishments as from the Lord	Exalted self-opinion
Doesn't think they are better than other people	Sees themselves as superior to others
Seeks to serve; Looks to the needs of others	Seeks to be served; Focus is CHon self
Seeks to give God glory	Seeks self-glory



- Pride always comes before a Fall**

Isaiah 14:12-17 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. ¹⁶ "Those who see you will gaze at you, *and* consider you, *saying*: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷ Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, *who* did not open the house of his prisoners?'"

1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 Timothy 3:6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 18:12 Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor *is* humility.

Jeremiah 49:16 Your fierceness has deceived you, the pride of your heart, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Who hold the height of the hill! Though you make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there," says the LORD.

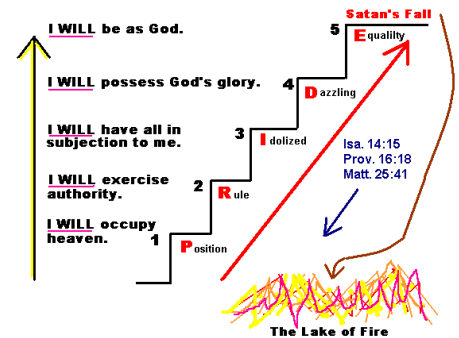
Daniel 4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works *are* truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

- Humility = Exaltation, Promotion**

Psalms 75:4-7 "I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn. Do not lift up your horn on high; Do not speak with a stiff neck.' " For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

Luke 14:7-11 So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: ⁸ "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; ⁹ and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Proverbs 15:31-33 The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. ³² He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding. ³³ The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom, and before honor *is* humility.



- **Key to overcoming pride: Submission**

James 4:6–10 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.⁹ Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom.¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Proverbs 13:10 By pride comes nothing but strife, but with the well-advised *is* wisdom.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.



- **Realize that apart from Him I can do nothing**

John 15:4–5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

- **Fear and respect the things of God**

Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

Proverbs 6:16–17 These six *things* the LORD hates, yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

Proverbs 16:5 Everyone proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD; *Though they join* forces, none will go unpunished.

- **Choose to humble yourself:**

Philippians 2:1-11 Therefore if there *is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Colossians 3:12–14 (Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Humbling can happen two ways:

1. You choose to humble yourself
 2. God does the humbling
- (Hint: It's always better if you choose it!)

Proverbs 16:19 Better *to be* of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Resist is a military term meaning to battle against

Clothing was the original badge of man’s sin and shame. Pride caused the need of man’s clothing, and pride still reigns in dress. In this passage, “to clothe” refers to a slave or servant putting on an apron or towel to serve someone else. Peter had experience with this when Jesus when Jesus girded himself with a towel as a servant washing the disciples feet.



- **Resist temptation to exalt yourself.**

Proverbs 30:32 If you have been foolish in exalting yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth.

“A person who seeks recognition is much like a goat that wears a bell around its neck to announce its whereabouts.” ~ Rabbi

Proverbs 25:6-7 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great; For it *is* better that he say to you, “Come up here,” Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

Proverbs 17:19 He who loves transgression loves strife, and he who exalts his gate seeks destruction.

Psalms 34:2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord ; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.



- **Seek to bring glory to God, not your plans:**

James 4:13-16 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

Theme song of Proud

Proverbs 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

1 John 2:16–17 All that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.¹⁷ The world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

“Pride is the problem, humility is the answer” ~ Joyce Meyer

What you do, why you do it, how you do it, when you do it—humility considers every decision by asking, “Who gets the glory?”