

Humility, Chapter 1

Memory Verse: Is. 66:2 But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

1. According to the title of Pt. 1 of Humility (pg. 15), what is our greatest friend? Our greatest enemy?
2. In what ways does the world promote or value “pride”?
3. Jim Collins, author of Good to Great, a leadership manual, identified two specific character qualities shared by successful CEOs (Chief Executive Officers).
 - a. What were those characteristics? What words were used by employees of the CEOs to describe the CEOs (pg. 18)?
 - b. In what way is the world’s idea of “humility” limited?
 - c. What should be our motivation and purpose for humility? See Col. 1:10, Is. 66:2 and 1 Pet. 5:5b.
4. Use a dictionary or Bible dictionary to define the words “pride” and “humility.”
5. How does Mahaney define humility (pg. 21-22)?
6. Mahaney describes all that the Israelites had “going for them” (pg. 19-20).
 - a. What were some of the things he noted?
 - b. What similarities are there between us and the Israelites, in terms of positive things we “have going for us”?
 - c. What did the Israelites lack and how was that demonstrated?
 - d. What does it mean to “tremble at His Word”? Do YOU tremble at His Word? If so, how? If not, why not?
7. What promise does God make to the humble? See James 4:6.
8. We often hear the phrase, “God helps those who help themselves.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?

9. What truths do you learn about humility from the following verses?

a. Is. 57:15

b. Eph. 4:1-2

c. 1 Pet. 5:5b

d. Prov. 15:33

e. James 4:10, Matt. 23:10-12

f. Prov. 22:4

g. Matt. 18:4

10. How did the following people demonstrate humility, in light of their insignificance in comparison to God?

a. Abraham in Gen. 18:27

b. Job in Job 40:4

11. How did the following people demonstrate humility, in light of their moral standing in comparison to God?

a. Isaiah in Is. 6:5

b. Publican in Luke 18:13

c. Jacob in Gen. 32:10

d. David in 2 Sam. 7:18

12. When we are prideful, to whom are we usually comparing ourselves? What's wrong with our evaluation?

13. In what specific recent situations have you caught yourself struggling with pride in your own life?

14. What has impacted you most this week regarding humility?

Nothing sets a Christian so much out of the devil's reach than humility. Jonathan Edwards