

Pride and Humility in One's Life

Practical Theology Lesson 3 – A study based on material from Dr. Stuart W. Scott

The Individual Must Come to Grips with the Epidemic Vice: Pride

Biblical Terms

Old Testament:

New Testament:

Biblical Examples

Biblical Warnings

Prov.16:5, 6, 26:12, 29, Rom. 12:3

Pride Defined

Self-Worship:

The Flip Side:

The Definition:

The mindset of self (a master's mindset rather than that of a servant):

a _____ on self and the service of self, a _____ of self-recognition and self-exaltation, and a _____ to control and use all things for self.

Manifestations of Pride

(circle ones that jump off the page – hand to closest person and ask the same)

1. _____ against or passing judgment on God (Numbers 14:1-4, 9, 11; Romans 9:20)
2. A lack of _____ (2 Chronicles 32:25)
3. _____ (Proverbs 28:25; Matthew 20:1-16)
4. Seeing yourself as better than others (Luke 7:36-50)
5. Having an inflated view of your importance, gifts and abilities (Acts 12:21-23)
6. Being focused on the lack of your gifts and abilities (1 Cor. 12:14-25)
7. Perfectionism (Matthew 23:24-28)
8. Talking too much (Proverbs 10:19)
9. Talking too much about yourself (Proverbs 27:2; Galatians 6:3)
10. Seeking independence or control (1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Ephesians 5:21)
11. Being consumed with what others think (Galatians 1:10)
12. Being devastated or angered by criticism (Proverbs 13:1)
13. Being unteachable (Proverbs 19:20; John 9:13-34)
14. Being _____, hurtful, degrading, talking down to them (Proverbs 12:18, 24)
15. A lack of _____ (Galatians 5:13, Ephesians 2:10)
16. A lack of compassion (Matthew 5:7, 18:23-35)
17. Being defensive or blame-shifting (Genesis 3:12-13; Proverbs 12:1)
18. A lack of admitting when you are wrong (Proverbs 10:17)
19. A lack of asking forgiveness (Matthew 5:23-24)
20. A lack of biblical _____ (Luke 18:10-14)
21. Resisting authority or being disrespectful (1 Peter 2:13-17)
22. Voicing preferences or opinions when not asked (Philippians 2:1-4)
23. _____ your own sin and shortcomings (Matthew 7:3-5)
24. _____ others' sin and shortcomings (Matthew 7:3-5; Luke 18:9-14)
25. Being impatient or irritable with others (Ephesians 4:31-32)
26. Being jealous or envious (1 Corinthians 13:4)
27. Using others (Matthew 7:12; Philippians 2:3-4)
28. Being deceitful by covering up sins, faults, and mistakes (Proverbs 11:3; 28:13)
29. Using attention-getting tactics (1 Peter 3:3,4)
30. Not having close _____ (Proverbs 18:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25)
31. Etc... Appearance-focused, for example

The Proper Response

Job

The Individual Must Put on the Endangered Virtue: Humility

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Our Greatest Example – Jesus Christ

Phil. 2, John 13,

Humility Defined

God-Worship

Rom.11:33-36 –

The Definition:

The mindset of Christ (a servant's mindset): a _____ on God and others, a _____ of the recognition and the exaltation of God, and a _____ to glorify and please God in all things and by all things He has given.

Manifestations of Humility

1. Recognizing and trusting God's character (Psalm 119:66)
2. Seeing yourself as having _____ to question or judge an Almighty and Perfect God (Psalm 145:17; Romans 9:19-23)
3. Focusing on Christ (Philippians 1:21; Hebrews 12:1-2)
4. Biblical _____ and a great deal of it (1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-2)
5. Being _____ with God's _____ grace and goodness (Psalm 116:12-19)
6. Thankfulness and gratitude in general towards others (1 Thess. 5:18)
7. Being gentle and patient (Colossians 3:12-14)
8. Seeing yourself as no better than others (Romans 12:16; Ephesians 3:8)
9. Having an _____ of your gifts and abilities (Romans 12:3)
10. Being a good listener (James 1:19; Philippians 2:3-4)
11. Talking about others only if it is good or for their good (Proverbs 11:13)
12. Being gladly _____ and _____ to those in authority (Rom. 12:1-2, 13:1-2)
13. Preferring others over yourself (Romans 12:10)
14. Being thankful for _____ or _____ (Proverbs 9:8, 27:5-6)
15. Having a teachable spirit (Proverbs 9:9)
16. Seeking always to build up others (Ephesians 4:29)
17. Serving (Galatians 5:13)

18. A quickness in admitting when you are wrong (Proverbs 29:23)
19. A quickness in granting and asking for forgiveness (Colossians 3:12-14)
20. Repenting of sin as a way of life (Colossians 3:1-14; 1 Timothy 4:7-9)
21. Minimizing others' sins or shortcomings in comparison to one's own (Matthew 7:3-4)
22. Being genuinely glad for others (Romans 12:15)
23. Being honest and open about who you are and the areas in which you need growth (Philippians 3:12-14; Galatians 6:2)
24. Possessing close relationships (Acts 20:31-38)
25. Etc.

The Individual Should Be Intentional About Moving from Pride to Humility

James 4:7-10

Practical steps for the Individual

1. *Pray for help:*
(Ps 139)
2. *Read the Psalms and Prophets:*
3. *Study Jesus:*
4. *Ask Others:*
5. *Worship:*
6. *Serve:*

(<http://gcabc.mn/OneAnothersChart>)
7. *Put off—put on:*
8. *A mindset change:*
(Phil 2:1-11)

Resources

Richard Baxter, *The Christian Directory*

<http://gcabc.mn/SScottPridePt1>

<http://gcabc.mn/SScottPridePt2>

<http://gcabc.mn/SScottPrideHandout>

Stuart Scott, *From Pride to Humility* (Focus Publishing)