

# Develop Humility

1 Corinthians 13:4

## Building Blocks for Healthy Relationships

**Humility is Fundamental in our Relationship with God**

*God resist the proud, but He gives grace to the humble. James 4:6-7*

**“Grace must come before greatness.”**

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

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## Four Problems Pride Creates with Other People

**1. Pride Produces \_\_\_\_\_**

*Pride only breeds quarrels Proverbs 13:10*

**2. Pride Provokes \_\_\_\_\_**

*Let us not become conceited provoking and envying one another Galatians 5:26*

*Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Romans 12:16*

*Don't try to act big. Don't try to get into the good graces of important people, but enjoy the company of ordinary folks. And don't think you know it all!*

**Romans 12:16** (The Living Bible)

***Prideful bragging is counterproductive and alienates,***

***but humility produces \_\_\_\_\_.***

**3. Pride Prevents \_\_\_\_\_**

***Pride protects itself. Pride is aloof and superficial.***

***Behind most pride is the fear of \_\_\_\_\_.***

“You probably wouldn’t worry so much about what people think of you if you could know how seldom they actually do.” —Olin Miller

*If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7*

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16*

#### **4. Pride Postpones \_\_\_\_\_**

*Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24*

*He who conceals his sin does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Proverbs 28:13*

#### **Pride Destroys Relationships**

- Produces misunderstandings
- Provokes arguments
- Prevents intimacy
- Postpones reconciliation

### **Mary, Jesus’ Mother, An Example of Humility**

*But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19*

*But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Luke 1:43*

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. Luke 1:38*

#### **What Humility is NOT:**

- Humility is not insecurity
- Humility is not self-consciousness
- Humility is not phony modesty

*My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. Luke 1:46-49*

**Humility**—Discovering what God has gifted you to do, and doing it to the best of your ability for His glory and not your own.

*"This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." Luke 2:34-35*

*Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother John 19:25 (New King James Version)*

*They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. Acts 1:14*

### **Lessons about Humility from Mary's Example**

- Humility is not insecurity
- Humility not feeling inadequate
- Humility not self-consciousness
- Humility is not shyness

*Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.*

**Romans 12:3**

### **How do we develop Humility?**

**Acknowledge Our** \_\_\_\_\_

*By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." Genesis 3:19*

*Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. James 4:14-16*

**Remember You Are** \_\_\_\_\_

**Surrender to God's** \_\_\_\_\_

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

## Practice Servanthood to Others

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! **Philippians 2:5-8***

## We Must Demonstrate Humility

- With our Families
- In the church
- At work

## Demonstrate Humility at Work

- Instead of demanding your rights—defer to \_\_\_\_\_
- Instead of promoting yourself—praise others
- Instead of lying to cover up—tell the truth
- Instead of seeing how little you can do—do more for others than they rightfully expect

*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. **1 Peter 2:21***

*“The meek will inherit the earth.”*

*“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. **Matthew 5:5, 16:25***

*“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. **1 Peter 5:5-6***

*Key: Misunderstandings, Arguments, compatibility, Intimacy, rejection, Reconciliation, Mortality, Fallible, Sovereignty, others*