# Humility: What We & the World Needs Now

PROVERBS

**Faith** 



Faith Wisdom



Faith Wisdom Humility



## **Arrogance**



## Arrogance — Pride



Arrogance — Pride — Self-centered



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A challenge for all of us.



The proud, the arrogant do not have a worldview that flows from wisdom, from having an accurate understanding of, and a healthy relationship with God.



What is pride?



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Seeking happiness in the praise of people. Our joy is found in our fame.



Arrogance is thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought.





• ...self-deceived.



#### Proverbs 26:12

Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.



#### **Proverbs 27:1-2**

- Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.
- <sup>2</sup> Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.



• ...self-deceived.

The arrogant discount their humanity.



- ...self-deceived.
- ...demeaning of others.



#### **Proverbs 11:2**

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.



- ...self-deceived.
- ...demeaning of others.

The arrogant discount their commonality with others.



- ...self-deceived.
- ...demeaning of others.
- ...detestable to God.



#### **Proverbs 15:25**

<sup>25</sup> The LORD tears down the house of the proud but maintains the widow's boundaries.



#### Proverbs 16:18

<sup>18</sup> Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.



#### **Proverbs 18:12**

Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.



#### **Proverbs 16:5**

Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished.



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- ...demeaning of others.
- ...detestable to God.

The arrogant discount their dependence on God's goodness and grace.



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**Arrogance = declaration of independence from God** 





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- Celebrity associated



The humble have a worldview that flows from wisdom, from having an accurate understanding of, and a healthy relationship with God.



What is humility? Seeking our happiness in our relationship with and dependence on God. Our joy is found in His fame.





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The humble are...

...accurately viewing self.



### The humble are...

- ...accurately viewing self.
  - Not too high



### The humble are...

- ...accurately viewing self.
  - Not too high
  - Not too low



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...accurately viewing self.

The humble embrace their humanness.



#### The humble are...

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- ...appropriately respecting others.



### Proverbs 16:19

<sup>19</sup> It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.



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The humble embrace their commonality with others.



"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

- Declaration of Independence



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- ...pleasing to God.



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### Proverbs 29:23

One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.



### Proverbs 15:33

The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.



## **Proverbs 3:34**

Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.



## **Proverbs 22:4**

<sup>4</sup> The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.



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- Identity grounded in being children of God



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- See the best in others



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Stop measuring ourselves with others.



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- View and treat everyone as those created in the image of God, broken, and needing redemption.

