

Clothed in *Humility*

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Humility is God-centeredness

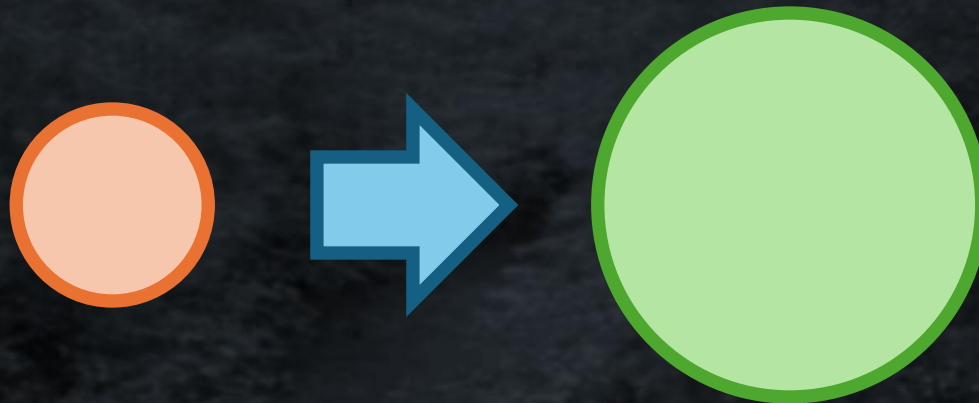
- *Humility* is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life. – Proverbs 22:4

Humility is absence of *pride* or *arrogance*

- When *pride* comes, then comes disgrace, but with *humility* comes wisdom. – Proverbs 11:2

Humility is willingness to learn

- The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise ***listen to advice***. – Proverbs 12:15



Humility is focus on others

- Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in ***humility*** value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. – Philippians 2:3-4

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God favors *humble* people

- He mocks *proud* mockers but shows favor to the *humble* and oppressed. – Proverbs 3:34
- *Humble* yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. – 1 Peter 5:6

To enter God's kingdom, we must be *humble*

- Blessed are the *poor in spirit*, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. – Matthew 5:3

God hears and responds to prayers of the *humble*

- Then he continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to *humble* yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.” – Daniel 10:12

Humility prevents strife and promotes peace

- Where there is strife, there is ***pride***, but wisdom is found in those who ***take advice***. – Proverbs 13:10

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Put God first

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways **submit to him**, and he will make your paths straight. – Proverbs 3:5-6
- But **seek first his kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. – Matthew 6:33

Choose a low position

- Read Luke 14:7-10
- For all those who **exalt themselves** will be humbled, and those who **humble** themselves will be exalted. – Luke 7:11

Genuinely associate with the *humble*

- 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

Be clothed in *humility*

- Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, *humility*, gentleness and patience. – Colossians 3:12

Closing prayer