

General observations about Humility and Pride

1. Pride is more deeply ingrained and more dangerous than we understand. (Genesis 3:5-6)
2. Humility is the conviction that all your privileges as God's loved one are to be used for others, not yourself. (Philippians 2:5-6)
3. Humility means emptying ourselves of the idea that God owes us any good thing. (Philippians 2:7, Luke 17:7-10)
4. Pride is a failure to trust God. (Matthew 18:1-4, Luke 14:7-11)

Practical advice for growing in humility

1. Put to death the desire to be made much of by making much of God.
2. Obsess over the humility of Christ and beg Him to bring it to life in you in increasing measure.
3. Take every opportunity you can to serve others. (John 13:12-14)

Questions for Discussion/Reflection

1. Of the character traits discussed in this series which hit closest to home for you and why?
2. Who has been a demonstration of humility to you and how?
3. What are you prone to place pride in? Why? How would you feel if you didn't have this thing? How is this pride dangerous to you?
4. Are you enjoying any gifts from God that you would have a hard time giving completely to someone else if God asked you to?
5. Have you ever not received something from God that you felt you should have? How did you respond?
6. Has praying for humility been a regular part of your life? What is one thing that might change if God began answering this prayer in significant ways in you?
7. Where are you taking advantage of opportunities to serve others so that you will grow in humility?