



## GOD RESISTS THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

In this lesson, you will learn the difference between pride and humility and how Jesus is our example of humility.

- I. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
  - A. James 4:6 – “God resists (stands against, opposes, hinders) the proud (arrogant, smug), but gives grace (help, aid, assistance, ability) to the humble.”
  - B. James 4:7 – “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”
  - C. 1 Peter 5:5-6 – Submit to God, resist the devil. God wants to exalt you, not you exalt yourself. He will exalt you in His way and in His due time.
  
- II. Jesus is our example of humility – Philippians 2:5-11.
  - A. Verse 8 – “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”
  - B. 1 John 2:15-16 – Three temptations to overcome: lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and pride of life.
  
- III. Where did pride originate?
  - A. Isaiah 14:12-17 – Pride originated with Lucifer, the devil. Five times he said, “I will.”
  
- IV. The solution for pride.
  - A. Matthew 18:1-4 – The disciples asked Jesus who would be greatest in the kingdom of heaven. He called a child to Himself and said, “Whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share a time when you were in pride, arrogance, or smugness.
- How did God give you grace when you humbled yourself?
- How has God exalted you in due time?

### BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week examine your own life in the light of these seven contrasts between pride and humility. Choose to be a person who walks in humility; that God may be exalted.

- (1) Pride sings the song, “How great you are.” Humility sings, “How Great God Is.”
- (2) Pride refuses to worship and give God glory and honor, but humility is unashamed to praise, honor and glorify the King of the universe.
- (3) Pride is concerned with what other people think; humility is concerned with what God thinks.
- (4) Pride refuses to ask for help; humility asks God for help.
- (5) Pride is exaltation of self; humility is exaltation of God.
- (6) Pride makes its own way; humility chooses God’s way.
- (7) Pride wants the credit for the good things done; humility gives God glory for all good things.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:** James 4:6 – “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”