

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1460: What is the Balance Between Pride and Humility?

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See:



1. What was the purpose of Jesus washing his disciples' feet? How did his actions contrast with the disciples' actions and the Pharisees' actions? (John 13:12-17, Matthew 23:11-12)
2. Jesus was humble, yet he was fully aware of his mission, authority and relationship with his Father. What does Jesus' example teach us about the difference between humility and having a low opinion of ourselves?
3. Why is self-exaltation spiritually dangerous? (Matthew 23:8-12)
4. Using Philippians 2:5-8, explain how Jesus' willingness to "empty himself" models honest self-assessment. Why does Jesus' humility make him approachable to weary believers? (Matthew 11:27-30)
5. Give the practical steps toward humility outlined in James 4:6-10 and Romans 12:16. If we follow these steps, what are we promised?
6. Explain the metaphor "to clothe yourselves with humility" in 1 Peter 5:5. What does it imply about the visibility of humility in a Christian's daily conduct? How does this apply to church leadership and those they serve?
7. How does humility affect our relationships with fellow Christians? Why is it essential to have compassion, kindness, patience and unity? (Colossians 3:12-14, Philippians 2:2-3)
8. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, what attitudes distinguished the two men? Why was the tax collector justified rather than the Pharisee? (Luke 18:9-14)
9. Describe these unacceptable forms of pride. Give the characteristics of each, and why they are incompatible with a Christlike walk:
 - a. Boastful pride: 1 John 2:15-17, Romans 1:29-31
 - b. Conceit: 1 Timothy 3:4,6; 6:3-5
 - c. Self-exaltation: 2 Corinthians 12:7-9, Proverbs 16:18
10. What is an appropriate kind of boasting? How did Paul model proper rejoicing, confidence and leadership while maintaining humility? (1 Corinthians 26-31, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Romans 5:1-5, Philippians 4:9-13, 2 Corinthians 10:8,12-18)
11. Do I honestly assess my strengths, responsibilities and opportunities as gifts from God, or do I sometimes take personal credit for them? What would it look like to "boast in the Lord" instead?
12. How can I better "clothe myself with humility" in my relationships with others this week?