

PERSONALITY OF A SERVANT: HUMILITY

The term "humility" comes from the root word 'hum-' which is of Latin origin and it means 'earth' or 'ground'.

In the practice of humility, we are practicing being grounded, in touch with our roots and aware of our common nature with the rest of humanity.

— Source Unknown —

We need God's help to make us humble.

If we strive for it on our own, even that can be a source of pride.

We can't talk about humility without talking about pride and self-righteousness.

John Paul Jackson

Pride, in its simplest form, boils down to a lack of the fear of God.

GOD CLEARLY HATES PRIDE.

PROVERBS 6:16-17 AMP

16 These... things the Lord hates; 17 A proud look [the attitude that makes one overestimate oneself and discount others.

1. ARREST YOUR EGO

A. Ego Arises When We Give Ourselves Unhealthy Credit

WE CANNOT BOAST ABOUT ANYTHING

- Good looks
- Intelligence
- Talents, skills
- Accomplishments, achievements
- Wealth, cars, clothes

All of these have come from God, and so we cannot boast.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:26, 31

26 Few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you.

31 If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.

B. Ego Arises When We Start Comparing Ourselves With Others.

When we think we're better than the others.

Phillip Brooks

The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is.



C. Ego Arises When People Hurt Us

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CDE CRITICIZED DISRESPECTED EXCLUDED
IT'S PAINFUL TO BE CRITICIZED, DISRESPECTED, AND EXCLUDED.
But Jesus was also criticized, disrespected, excluded,
VIOLATED, ABUSED, AND CRUCIFIED.

1 PETER 2:23 NIV

When they hurled their insults at him, **he did not retaliate**; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

RELEASE IT IMMEDIATELY TO THE LORD.

Don't be defensive.

Don't overthink.

Deny yourself daily and follow him.

Just look to JESUS. Not to man.

D. Ego Arises When You Constantly Think And Talk About Yourself.

C.S. Lewis
*Humility is not thinking less of yourself but **thinking of yourself less**.*

JOHN 3:30 ERV

He must become more and more important, and I must become less important.

E. Ego Arises When Someone Corrects Or Teaches Us

We should see every person, every moment as an opportunity to learn, to be teachable, to be grateful.

F. Ego Arises When We Don't Want To Admit We're Wrong

Ask for God's help. Lord, am I being egoistic?

PSALM 139:23-24 NIV

23 **Search** me, God, and know my heart; **test** me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 **See** if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Humility focuses upon God rather than upon our own strengths.

EPHESIANS 4:2

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

2. (HAVE THE) ATTITUDE OF CHRIST

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5 NLT

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. 5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

What's the attitude of Christ?

A. Jesus Was A Humble Servant

MARK 10:43-45 ESV

43 Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

B. He Was Others-Oriented

1 PETER 5:5-6 ESV

5 Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

3. APPRECIATE WHAT GOD DID FOR YOU ON THE CROSS.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

When I read the Bible I see the sinful nature that is in me; I see my failures, my shortcomings.

Nothing but the cross can give us this spirit of humility.

GALATIANS 6:14 ESV

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

ISAIAH 29:19

The humble will be filled with fresh joy from the LORD.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Share an experience when your ego was tested. How did you respond to it?
2. Read: Philippians 2:3-5 NLT
3. Share moments/tendencies/situations when you become prideful? How can focusing on the cross help you develop the the same humble attitude that Christ Jesus had?