

Joy in Humility







James 4:6

God opposes the proud...

Pride is achieved quickly. Humility is built over a lifetime.

Our response to God's call for <u>obedience</u> exposes a heart of pride or humility.

"Pride is pregnant with all kinds of sin." Augustine

Pride is demonic. Humility is Christ-like.

For me to life is Christ...so lead your lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

It's not about you.

Pride produces sin. Humility births joy.

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

Nothing <u>unifies</u> a church stronger than humility.

Nothing <u>breaks down</u> a church more quickly than pride.

Pride is about my glory. Humility is about God's glory.

Proud people think of themselves. Humble people think of others.

Pride leads to arrogance. Humility leads to confidence.

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

Pride covets other's success. Humility celebrates other's success.

A win for you is a win for the Kingdom.



⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; 7 rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Pride compares us with others. Humility compares us with Jesus.

⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Our name really doesn't matter much. It's the name of Jesus that matters.

