

Selfless  
Humility  
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**James 4:6-7** God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**2 Chronicles 26:16** But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense...

Why do we need to walk in humility?

1. Humility keeps us from deceiving mistakes.

**1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

**Obadiah 1:3** The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, Who can bring me down to the ground?

**Philippians 2:3-4** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

2. Humility keeps us growing in Christ.

**Proverbs 1:5** Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance.

3. Humility builds very close relationships.

**1 John 1:9** But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

**James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

**1 Corinthians 12:18-21** But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

What does humility look like?

- ✓ Admit when your wrong.

**Ecclesiastes 7:20** Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins.

- ✓ Be the evidence of God's grace.

**Acts 11:22-23** News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

- ✓ Always run back to your first love.

**Revelations 2:3-4** You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. "But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!"

**Walk Away:** Humility is the one attribute that causes us to be more like Christ.