

A) SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

How To Be Good At Humility

Selected Proverbs

Slide 2:

Proverbs 11:2 (ESV)

When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with the humble is wisdom.

Proverbs 13:10 (ESV)

By insolence comes nothing but strife,
but with those who take advice is wisdom.

Proverbs 15:25 (ESV)

The LORD tears down the house of the proud
but maintains the widow's boundaries.

Proverbs 15:33 (ESV)

The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom,
and humility comes before honor.

Slide 3:

Proverbs 16:5 (ESV)

Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD;
be assured, he will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 16:18–19 (ESV)

Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.
It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor
than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Proverbs 29:23 (ESV)

One's pride will bring him low,
but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

Slide 4:

God's First "Act":

Proverbs 8:22–23 (ESV)

“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

Slide 5:

It is available to all of us!

James 1:5 (ESV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Slide 6:

Pride:

I. What is it? (Diagnosis)

II. Why does it matter? (Danger)

III. How do we heal it? (Harness the horse)

Slide 7:

Pride = elevation of self = living before oneself

Slide 8:

Opposite of Pride is Humility

"A really humble person will not be thinking about humility. He will not be thinking about himself at all." C.S. Lewis

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." Rick Warren

Slide 9:

High self-esteem and low self-esteem are consequences of pride

Slide 10:

The key for a person with high self-esteem is not to think more lowly of themselves, or a person with low self-esteem to think more highly of themselves. The cure for both is to think of themselves less.

Slide 11:

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Destruction comes to the prideful

Slide 12:

Why does destruction come?

A) They can't take advice!

"By insolence comes nothing but strife, but with those who take advice is wisdom."

WHY????

1) Who are you to tell me? (high self-esteem)

2) Defensiveness and self-pity (low self-esteem)

Slide 13:

A) Can't take advice

B) They are opposing God's own nature

Slide 14:
"BY ME, FOR ME"

Slide 15:
Daniel 4:29–30 (ESV)

At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, 30 and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

Slide 16:
"Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished."

Slide 17:
Getting Well
Proverbs 15:33 (ESV)

- 1) The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom,
- 2) and humility comes before honor.

Slide 18:
1) Fear of the Lord (Worship)
The world says: "Do good, and you are good."
We need healing for that!

Slide 19:
1 Corinthians 4:3–4 (ESV)
But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

Slide 20:
1) Fear of the Lord (Worship)
2) Humility before honor (Gospel)

Slide 21:
Philippians 2:6–8 (ESV)
who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Slide 22:
Not "I did it...for me"
But "We did it...for you"

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Don defined Pride as an "elevation of self" or "living before oneself."
Explain how that contributes to high or low self-esteem.

2) So what is the opposite of Pride? And how would you define it?

3) Wisdom tells us that Pride always leads to destruction. (Proverbs 16:18)
Why do you think that is?

(Facilitators)

Think of it in these terms:

Passive: We ALL must learn from Wisdom if we desire to make something beautiful and good.
(Proverbs 13:10)

a) So, a Proudful person is unable to learn:

High Self-Esteem: "Who are you to teach me?"

Low Self-Esteem: "Don't correct or teach me because it communicates that I am less than you, or others."

Active: God gets involved (Proverbs 16:5)

b) God says that He may go after the Proudful person and bring them down

Have the group explain why "BY ME, FOR ME" is so offensive to God (Daniel 4: 29)

4) Healing our tendency toward Pride (Proverbs 15:33)

First ask others how they have been healed from Pride in the past?

Talk about these two ways from the above Proverb:

a) Worship: Finding a greater Love to love heals us from the "rat race." (I Corinthians 4:1-5)

b) Gospel: Experiencing our lowness to get Glory. The way of Christ Himself (Philippians 2:6-11)

5) Talk about how the Gospel heals high or low self-esteem (Pride)!

6) Praise and Prayer as a group