

Oh Lord, It's hard to
be humble.

We have an enemy whose primary goal is to influence us to be consumed with self.

Pride: The worship of self

Google: *A deep sense of pleasure, satisfaction, or self-worth derived from one's own achievements, qualities, or possessions. It can represent healthy self-respect or, negatively, an arrogant belief in one's superiority.*

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Therefore 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.

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³ Do 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.*

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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;**

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**⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**

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**⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!**

God's favorite quality in
humans is humility.

Pride is the #1 tool Satan uses
to destroy God's #1 priority
-Relationships

At the cross we find the truth about who we are before God. In ourselves we are wretched and dead in our sin and in revolt against God. But in Christ we are forgiven and reconciled to God. Humility is rooted in knowing both our worth and our unworthiness. The cross shows us both. (Wilbourne and Gregor)

James 4

**“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”**

**⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist
the devil, and he will flee from you.**

Pride is conforming to the image of the enemy. Humility is conforming to the image of Jesus. Which one do you want to be more like?

Do you want to be one whom God opposes or do you want to be one on whom God shows His favor?

2 Key steps to killing pride

1) Recognize that you have pride.

C.S. Lewis:

“If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud. And a biggish step, too. At least nothing whatever can be done before it. If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed.”

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- 2) Submit to God.

3 results of submitting yourself to God

You will Say:

- 1) “I could be wrong.”
- 2) “It’s okay to not get my way”

You won’t say:

- 3) “That’s not my job.”

“Pride is not thinking too much of myself;
Pride is thinking of myself far too much.”

Humility is not thinking less of yourself;
It's thinking of yourself less.

When I give up what I want for
someone else, I am just like Jesus.