

**Pro Tips for Pride and Humility**  
**Pro Tips Message Series Week 8**  
**Proverbs**

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**A. Reasons to pursue humility:**

- 1. Pride leads to destruction.** (Proverbs 16:18, 18:12)
- 2. Pride is punished by God.** (Proverbs 16:5; James 4:6)
- 3. Pride leads to quarrels.** (Proverbs 13:10)
- 4. Humility leads to honor.** (Proverbs 15:33, 29:23)
- 5. Humility leads to wisdom.** (Proverbs 11:2)
- 6. Humility leads to God's grace and blessings.**  
(Proverbs 3:33-34, 22:4; 1 Peter 5:5)

**B. How do you move from pride to humility?**

- 1. Pray for God to expose the pride in your heart.**  
(Psalm 139:23-24)

“If anyone would like to acquire humility... the first step is to realize that one is proud... If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed.”

-C.S. Lewis

## 2. **Confess the pride in your heart to God.** (1 John 1:8-9)

“God loves you. Confession is a gift of God commanded for your benefit. Hidden sin grows in darkness, silence, and isolation until it becomes too much of a burden to bear. When you confess sin, you admit your need for God’s help and invite his people to help you take steps toward freedom. God uses confession to reveal his goodness, bring healing, and restore relationships.”

re:generation, *Receive God’s Grace, Steps 4-6*,  
Watermark Community Church, Dallas, TX, 2020, p. 67.

## 3. **Walk in repentance.** (Acts 3:19-20)

“However, confession without repentance is like a man pulled from his rut, given a new destination and a navigator, but then he returns to the same dead end path. To live in freedom, it is not enough to recognize you are on the wrong road and step out of your ruts (confess). You must also change direction (repent). You must turn from dead end paths, turn to God’s path, and walk with him as he leads you.”

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Watermark Community Church, Dallas, TX, 2020, p. 89.

## 4. **Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.** (Romans 10:9)

“Do you know who ends up in Hell? Everyone who sincerely believes he deserves Heaven. Do you know who ends up in Heaven? Everyone who sincerely believes he deserves Hell but is saying to Jesus, ‘Be merciful to me, a sinner!’”

Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., *Proverbs: Wisdom That Works*,  
Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2012, pp. 147-148.