

# Humility

**“Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble” (1 Peter 5:5).**

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The story is told of a preacher who said he had a wonderful sermon on humility. He was waiting for a large enough crowd to which he could preach it.

Humility is fruit of grace. God’s Word says, **“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble” (James 4:6).**

Some people by their attitude seem to be proud of their humility. The Pharisees were an example of this. They wanted people to believe they were humble. Yet, they were boastful, desirous of self-glory, proud of their humility.

Some people are always depreciating themselves, talking of their unworthiness, weaknesses, and failures. They belittle themselves. Such attitudes do not come from genuine humility. It is a false humility.

A truly humble person is unconscious of his humility. He has no thought of self. He realizes he has nothing but that which he has received from God. He takes the lowest place; he is willing to work without recognition.

The proud trust in themselves. The humble recognize their dependence on the Lord and want Him to receive all the glory.

The more we are emptied of self, the more room there will be for the Lord. The closer we live to Him the more we will recognize our unworthiness.

Paul, who had every reason to be proud, said, **“Yes, every advantage that I had gained I considered lost for Christ’s sake. Yes, and I look upon everything as loss compared with the overwhelming gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I did in actual fact suffer the loss of everything but I considered it useless rubbish compared with being able to win Christ” (Phil. 3:7-8, Amplified).**

In the presence of the living God we will humbly bow as David did, and say, **“Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all” (1 Chron. 29:11).**