



Pride and Envy

"I don't want to be someone who measures myself by what I accomplish but by how much I worship, love, and thank God."
Sally Clarkson

What does it mean to show honor?

Even though you may not agree with someone, you can honor God by coming to other people with humility and not pride.

What are some ways you can give others a sense of worth?

The opposite of honor is pride.

What are some ways pride is expressed?

Jesus told us to humble ourselves and learn from him because he is humble and meek. One of the ways we show a lack of humility is by envying other people. Are there areas in your life where you notice envy?

Pride usually starts with a heart that is not willing to trust God. Spend some time in prayer and ask God to check your heart. Are you critical of others? Do you judge others? Ask God to help you. He is for you. Be humble enough to recognize your flaws.

Every person was created for Christ and to experience his redemption. We are to be like Christ. He came to the world without material goods, a title, or any prominence. He bowed his knee to wash feet, touch lepers, forgive prostitutes, and die a shameful death on a cross.

If you want to grow in Christ, you need to be moving in the direction of giving up pride, performance, impressing people, and status. What are some ways you can be moving in the direction of humility and walking hand in hand with Christ?

Pride comes from a heart that idolizes ourself, self-idolatry. We can honor God and other people by showing honor and giving compassion. What are some ways you can practice growing in the direction of humility with your family, children, and friends?

What are some areas where you need to bow the knee and submit to the will of God? Are there circumstances or areas where you need to keep your mouth closed and let God teach you?

“God, I want to be close to you. Help me to walk in appreciation, giving you honor and honoring other people in my life with compassion so that I can know that every day I am growing in the direction of being close with you.”
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Scripture to Ponder

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29

The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor and life.

Proverbs 22:4

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

Proverbs 11:2

Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

Proverbs 16:5

He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles.

Proverbs 21:23

Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice.

Proverbs 16:8

Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant

Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.

Proverbs 12:9

Though He scoffs at the scoffers, yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

Proverbs 3:34

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psalms 1:1-3

Scorners set a city aflame, but wise men turn away anger.

Proverbs 29:8

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:5

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6

*"Walk hand in hand with the compassionate Christ."
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