

Overcomer

Part 3: Humility

If you want to have a life of expanded influence and personal joy, be humble.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." – Philippians 1:3

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." – Philippians 1:21

1. The Most Difficult Principle.

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." – Phil. 2:1-3

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." – James 4:6

Four types of pride:

I. _____ - most common form of pride, can be defines as "a preoccupation with one's appearance or image."

II. _____ - the pride that "shuns correction... an inability to stop defending myself."

III. _____ - the ultimate pride... "a belief that others are beneath me."

"Thank you God for not making me like others who are not nearly as religious as me." – Luke 18:11

"Oh God, have mercy on me for I am a sinner in need of your grace." – Luke 18:13

"It was the tax collector who left the temple that day right with God, not the pious Pharisee who saw himself better than others." – Luke 18:14

IV. _____ - an "insatiable desire to be approved by others."

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others." – Philippians 2:4

"Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ." – Galatians 1:10

2. The Awesome Example.

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross.” – Philippians 2:5-8

“But God demonstrates his love for us that while We were sinners, Christ died for us.” – Rom. 5:8

“Therefore... God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” – Philippians 2:9

“You get no credit for kneeling when it’s become impossible to stand.” – C.S. Lewis

3. Practical Applications

“Therefore, my dear friends as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.” – Phil. 2:12

“for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” – Phil. 2:13

“Do everything without complaining or arguing.” – Philippians 2:14

One of the most obvious signs of pride: complaining.

At the root of complaining is pride.

“God’s great, holy joke about the Messiah complex is this: Every human being who has ever lived has suffered from it – except one. And He just happened to be the Messiah.” – John Ortberg

“so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life – in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.” – Phil. 2:15-16

“Oh God, have mercy on me for I am a sinner in need of your grace.” – Luke 18:13

Two results from humbling ourselves:

I. _____.

II. _____.

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.” – Philippians 2:17-18
