

# A TIME TO BE HUMBLE

*Don't be fooled; being "humble" does not mean you are a weak loser who people stomp on. "Being humble" means you are wise, honoring God, and doing the right thing – even though you don't always like it.*

**"Humble"** means "a choice you make to **let God** control the events of your life, and then to **give Him** the credit for how it works out."

1. Match the statement about humility with the correct verse.
  - a. Colossians 3:12                    \_\_\_     A humble man is a wise man, not a weak man.
  - b. Ephesians 4:2                     \_\_\_     Humility will lift us up, not push us down.
  - c. James 4:6                         \_\_\_     Being humble brings victory, not defeat.
  - d. James 4:10                        \_\_\_     Humility is part of our being, not an act we play.
  - e. 2 Chronicles 7:14                \_\_\_     Humility leads to honor, not dishonor.
  - f. Micah 6:8                         \_\_\_     Humility is required of us; it is not an option.
  - g. Proverbs 11:2                    \_\_\_     Being humble calms people, not makes things worse.
  - h. Proverbs 18:12                  \_\_\_     We cannot talk to God without humility in our lives.
  - i. Psalm 25:9                         \_\_\_     Being humble is the right thing, not just a feeling.
  - j. Psalm 149:4                      \_\_\_     God loves our humility, not our arrogant pride.

*The opposite of "humble" is probably "pride".  
"Pride" in Hebrew means "to rise yourself up" or "to increase yourself".  
"Pride" in Greek means "to boast" or "to have smoke with no fire".*

**Both words tell us that you are just "blowing hot air".**

**"Pride"** means "a choice you make to **NOT** let God control the events of your life, and then to **NOT** give Him the credit for how to works out".

**Here's the battle we face: "Pride" in us is NATURAL ungodly; "humility" is SUPERNATURALLY godly.**

2. Match the statement about pride with the correct verse.
  - a. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The proud do all in their power to help the poor & disadvantaged. (Psalm 10:2)
  - b. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The proud harass & persecute the poor, lowly, and needy. (Psalm 10:2)
  - c. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The proud is very religious & seek God all the time. (Psalm 10:4)
  - d. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The proud do not seek God; they need nothing that God has. (Psalm 10:4)
  - e. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The proud constantly speaks with cursings & lies. (Psalm 59:12)
  - f. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The proud have good ideas that will benefit all people. (Psalm 73:6)
  - g. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The proud don't hide their arrogance; they do not need anyone. (Psalm 73:6)
  - h. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     God resists & hates the pride that consumes so many people. (Proverbs 8:13)
  - i. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The eventual end of the proud will be shame with no purpose. (Proverbs 11:2)
  - j. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     The proud cause disunity & dysfunction in a family or community. (Pr. 13:10)
  - k. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     A proud person is a fool. (Proverbs 14:3)
  - l. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No     A proud person will eventually fall into a dead end of destruction. (Pr. 16:18)

**The personal motivation of a proud person is "me first" – "you are worthless".**

*Proverbs 14:3 leads us into the next section of this lesson: "A proud person is a fool".*

*"Fool" in the Hebrew means "someone who makes no sense but does not know it."*

3. What does a proud person believe?
  - a. Psalm 14:1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Proverbs 12:15 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Proverbs 15:5 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Proverbs 28:26 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What does a proud person NOT understand?
  - a. Psalm 92:6 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Proverbs 14:16 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Proverbs 24:7 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is wrong with the things that a fool says?
  - a. Proverbs 10:18 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Proverbs 13:16 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Proverbs 17:28 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Proverbs 18:2 \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Proverbs 29:11 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Describe the character of a fool.
  - a. Proverbs 10:23 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Proverbs 17:24 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Ecc. 2:14 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Ecc. 10:14 \_\_\_\_\_
7. What kind of a reputation does a fool have?
  - a. Proverbs 17:21 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Proverbs 26:1 \_\_\_\_\_

***BUT THE HUMBLE ....***

8. Looks at the verses about "the humble" at the beginning of this lesson.
  - a. What does a humble person believe? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What does a humble person understand? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What does a humble person say? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Describe the character of a humble person. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Describe the reputation of a humble person. \_\_\_\_\_

***Remember that being "humble" is supernatural. We can only live that way by the daily working of the Holy Spirit in our lives.***

***We will fail & let pride creep in. Duh! We are sinners. What else is new? We confess – ask forgiveness & move on to the next failure.***

9. How are you doing with humility? \_\_\_\_\_  
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