

Do we hate pride yet – God does – and He’s our Father

Prov 6:16-17 **These six things the LORD hates...A proud look...(He’s our teacher)**
Luke 6:40 (Jesus)...**Every disciple who is fully trained will be like his teacher.**
Prov 8:13 **The fear of the LORD** (the beginning of wisdom) **is to hate...Pride...**
Prov 23:17 **...Live in the fear of the LORD all the day long** (check every motive)
Have we learned yet from God how to hate pride or do we still admire it or tolerate it?

What does God mean by the words pride and humility?

To many the word “humility” denotes a weak-willed, wimpy person, a complete doormat who allows others to continually walk all over them. Does this describe the way Jesus Christ lived, the most humble man who ever was, such as when He forced the money changers out of the temple? Or how the Apostles Peter and Paul lived, who infuriated religious and civic leaders with their bold preaching of the gospel? Far from it – So God’s definitions of humility and pride must be very different from that of many, what are they? In his book titled “Humility” Andrew Murray, gives these definitions based on God’s word:

Humility – is complete dependence on and trust in God. Humility will always exalt God.
Pride - is independence from God and dependence on self. Pride always exalts self.

1 Pe 5:6-7 **Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God...casting all your care upon Him** (relying on Him, and believing this) **for He cares for you.**

Hab 2:4 **Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked; but the righteous (the humble) live by their trust in God.** NLT

Consider the night and day contrast between Pride and Humility in our everyday lives
(Taken mostly from Andrew Murray’s book on Humility pages 12, 13 & 109)

HUMILITY (dependent on God)

1. The root of every virtue
2. The gate, birth and blessing of heaven
3. Raises fallen humans to sons of God
4. Evil has no end but from humility
5. Breathes life into relationships
6. Causes unity between people

Prov 13:10 **Only by pride does contention** (quarrelling with others) **arise...**

7. More of God’s grace always follows

James 4:6 **...God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.**

Prov 16:18 **Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.**

PRIDE (dependent on myself)

1. The root of every sin
2. The gate, birth and curse of hell
3. Reduces angels to devils
4. Evil has no start but from pride
5. Breathes death into relationships
6. Causes strife between people

7. Destruction always follows

HUMILITY (trusting in God)

- 8. The nature of Christ
- 9. As much humility = as much Christ
- 10. Partaken of through God’s words
- 11. Chief characteristic of the re-born spirit
- 12. Reflects the “Christ now living in me” life

1 Peter 5:5 ...**Be clothed** (on your spirit) **with humility** (Christ, God’s Words)...

PRIDE (trusting in myself)

- 8. The nature of Satan
- 9. As much pride = as much Satan
- 10. Received through Satan’s words
- 11. Chief characteristic of the flesh
- 12. Reflects the carnal Christian life

All of these life crippling sins have their origin in pride, the lack of dependency on God:

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| (a) All offence and impatience are rooted in pride | (f) All quarreling is rooted in pride |
| (b) All un-forgiveness is rooted in pride | (g) All greed is rooted in pride |
| (c) Envy, jealousy and hatred are rooted in pride | (h) Disobedience is rooted in pride |
| (d) All self-images, idolized, are rooted in pride | (i) All lying is rooted in pride |
| (e) All worry and self sympathy is rooted in pride | (j) All boasting is rooted in pride |

1 Cor 4:7 ...**What** (virtue) **do you have that you did not receive** (from God)? **Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?**

How do we become more and more humble, God trusting, and less proud, self trusting?

Mat. 11:29 (Jesus) **Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me for I am meek and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls**”.

Since humility is the nature of Christ, how do we receive from Him this humble nature so that our will is no longer ruled by our prideful human nature, and that our souls find rest?

Murray: “True humility is the life Christ came to reveal and impart; it is a life yielded to God that comes through death to sin and self. If we think that this life is beyond our own reach, it should urge us to seek it in Christ. For it is Christ dwelling in us who will live this life through us. If we long for this, let us, above everything, learn the holy secret, that we are nothing but a vessel in which the living God can manifest His wisdom, power and goodness. The root of all virtue, all faith, of all acceptable worship is that we know that we have nothing but what we receive and bow in deepest humility to wait on God for it”.

2 Cor 3:5 **Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to think that anything comes from ourselves, but our sufficiency is entirely from God.**

Murray: “Let us allow God through His words to show us our one need is humility. And let us believe that what God shows us, He gives to us and what He is, He imparts to us”. How does Christ impart to us His own humble nature? After we submit to the control of His Spirit (His yoke) then in direct proportion to the words of God, the nature of Christ, that we feed our hearts on. Meaning we believe them, act on and are changed by them.

Ps 119:103 **How sweet are Your words to my taste...**

John 6:57 (Jesus – the Word of God) **...He that eats me, he shall live by me.** KJV