

Humility or Pride

Most of us think of pride as self-centeredness, conceit, boastfulness, arrogance, or haughtiness. All of these are elements of the sin. Pride is essentially competitive in nature. We pit our will against God's. The proud cannot accept the authority of God giving directions to their life.. . Fear of men's judgment manifests itself in competition for men's approval ..

Most us consider pride to be a sin of those on the top, such as the rich and learned, looking down at the rest of us. There is however, a far more common ailment among us—and that is pride from the bottom looking up. It is manifested in so many ways, such as faultfinding, gossiping, backbiting, murmuring, living beyond our means, envying, coveting, withholding gratitude and praise that might lift another, and being unforgiving and jealous. Pride is the power by which Satan wishes to reign over us.

--Pres. Ezra Taft Benson



2 Timothy 3:1-4.

- 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous (greedy) , boasters, proud, blasphemers (speaks disrespectfully of sacred things or of God), disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3 Without natural affections, trucebreakers (break promises) , false accusers (slanderers), incontinent (without self control), fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 4 Traitors (rebellious), heady (reckless) , highminded (conceited), lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Alma 5:27-28

Have ye walked, keeping yourselves blameless before God? Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble? That your garments have been cleansed and made white through the blood of Christ, who will come to redeem his people from their sins?

Behold, are ye stripped of pride? I say unto you, if ye are not ye are not prepared to meet God. Behold ye must prepare quickly; for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand, and such an one hath not eternal life.



Pride is a sin of comparison, for though it usually begins with “Look how wonderful I am and what great things I have done,” it always seems to end with “Therefore, I am better than you.”

- When our hearts are filled with pride, we commit a grave sin, for we violate the two great commandments.⁷ Instead of worshipping God and loving our neighbor, we reveal the real object of our worship and love—the image we see in the mirror.
- Pride is the great sin of self-elevation. It is for so many a personal Rameumptom, a holy stand that justifies envy, greed, and vanity.⁸ In a sense, pride is the original sin, for before the foundations of this earth, pride felled Lucifer, a son of the morning “who was in authority in the presence of God.”⁹ If pride can corrupt one as capable and promising as this, should we not examine our own souls as well?

Preach My Gospel : Humility is willingness to submit to the will of the Lord. It is willingness to give Him the honor for what is accomplished. It is being teachable. Humility includes gratitude for God's blessings and acknowledgment of your constant need for His help. He helps those who are humble.

Humility is a sign of spiritual strength, not of weakness. Humility is a vital catalyst for spiritual growth. When you humbly trust the Lord, you can have the assurance that His commandments are for your good. You are confident that you can do whatever He requires of you if you rely on Him. You are also willing to trust His servants and follow their counsel. Humility will help you be obedient, work hard, and serve.



--To *do justly* and *walk humbly with God* is to intentionally withdraw our hand from iniquity, walk in His statutes, and remain authentically faithful.



We accept callings with grace, humility, and gratitude. When we are released from these callings, we accept the change with the same grace, humility, and gratitude.



Only by aligning our wills with God's is full happiness to be found. Anything less results in a lesser portion.



Let us not forget to be humble, to remember where our blessings, gifts and accomplishments really come from. Humility will bring us closer to Christ.



Matthew 23: 11-12

- **11** But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- **12** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased (made low) and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Ether 12:27

And if men come unto me I will show unto them their weakness I give unto men weakness that they may be humble; and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak things become strong unto them.

Life has to be just hard enough to prove to us we couldn't do it on our own and to humble us to the point that we look up to God instead of just trusting in the arm of the flesh. When God comes through for you and you reach your destination, you endure your trial, you become what you need to be - you know Him

– Jared Halverson



Do you want to do what you want to do?

OR

**Do you want to humble yourself and
do what God wants you to do?**

