

The Beauty of Humility!

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” James 4:10

“For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.’” Isa. 57:15

“He who falls into some of the grosser sins may feel a sense of his shame and poverty and his need of the grace of Christ; but pride feels no need, and so it closes the heart against Christ and the infinite blessings He came to give.” *Steps to Christ*, p. 30

Proud Self-Filled People...	Humble Selfless People...
...desire to be a success so others see	...desire to be faithful so God's glory is seen
...see all the good they do and feel worthy of salvation	...know that only thru Christ's blood can they gain salvation
...feel proud and confident of how much they know	...feel humbled by how much they have yet to learn
...thank God they aren't like the world around them	...realize a spirit of pride is as deadly as the sins of the world
...are quick to put blame on others for problems	...are quick to accept personal responsibility for problems
...struggle to say, "I was wrong! Will you forgive me?"	...are quick to say, "I'm sorry. Will you forgive me?"
...have to maintain control, "My way or the highway!"	...are willing to relinquish control. They want "God's way!"
...have to prove right and save face when wrong	...are willing to yield the right to be right, even when right
...are very self-focused and self-serving. It's all about me!	...focus on serving others and realize it's all about Him!
...are often cold, aloof, and unmoved by pain or suffering	...have a broken heart for suffering, respond with empathy
...are very protective of personal space, time, reputation	...allow God to protect personal space, time, and reputation
...are too busy to notice or care about the "small people"	...notice and pay attention to the "least of these"
...desire to be served and feel entitled to special treatment	...desire to serve and bless others as Jesus did
...desire to be recognized, appreciated, and honored for service	...are content to go unnoticed as long as God gets the glory
...are always thinking about all the things they do for God	...recognize that apart from God they can do nothing
...tend to walk alone, wear a mask, and don't share needs	...are willing to be vulnerable and real and share their needs
...focus on rules and performance as they evaluate others	...focus on heart issues and see through the eyes of grace
...often defensive when criticized and easily offended	...receive criticism with a humble heart and seek to grow
...very concerned with outside profile and what others think	...only concerned with purity of heart and what God thinks
...compare themselves to others and feel deserving	...recognize they are completely undeserving of God's favor
...when confessing sin, always confess in generalities	...when confessing sin, confess in specifics
...feel like they are okay but are blind to their heart condition	...recognize their need, cry "Lord be merciful to me a sinner!"
...don't think they need revival, but think everyone else does	...very quick to acknowledge their need for daily revival