



REPLENISHED – Humility Matters 13th June 2021 Mark Wiltshire

This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. Why does humility matter?
2. Can pride be seen?
3. Read [Luke 18:9-12](#)
4. What is the concept of this parable?
 - Pride shows 'scorn'
 - Pride 'justifies' itself
 - Pride 'distorts' good judgement
 - Pride will undermine all our spiritual intentions
5. What's the difference between damaging self-centred pride and having pride as a positive emotion when things go well?

Note: It's normal to feel proud when we've achieved something good. It is also normal to feel proud of another person's achievement. This is a healthy human emotion when it's balanced, and not distorted.

Engage:

"Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility."

St Augustine

6. Can humility be seen?
7. Read [Luke 18:13-14](#)
 - Seen in our posture (*verse 13*)
 - Seen in our language – Humility takes responsibility
 - Beware of false humility – which is really an expression of pride
8. Read [Romans 5:1-2](#)
9. What are the characteristics and behaviours of people you know, that you would consider humble?
10. How does this influence you?

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.”

C.S Lewis

Framework:

11. Why does humility draw God’s attention?
12. Read [Luke 14:8-11](#)
13. What does giving ‘more honour’ to someone else mean?
14. Read [Isaiah 66:2](#)
 - Humility and Pride are always Heart issues
 - God is looking to bless those who are humble, and honour His word

<u>Signs of Pride:</u>	<u>Signs of Humility:</u>
High view of self-importance. “Difficult to fit in”	Balanced view of my own importance. “Fits in more easily”
Cannot accept personal faults and weaknesses.	Accepts faults and weaknesses and attempts to correct them.
Sees itself as superior to others.	Does not feel a sense of superiority.
Associated with vanity, arrogance, stubbornness, overly self-confident	Associated with modesty, strength of character, openness, friendship...
Wants the last word	Willing to listen and understand
Wants the glory	Wants to see others succeed
Places ‘My’ Judgement over God: Forgets God Deut 8:14 Rejects God Ps 10:4 Doubts God Hab. 2:4 “I want MY outcome”	Puts God First- Lives in Faith: Prioritises God’s Will Trusts God’s faithfulness Willing to Sacrifice “I Want God’s Outcome”
<u>God’s Response to Pride:</u>	<u>God’s Response to Humility:</u>
God keeps away from them	God Cares for them Psalm 138:6
Will be Humiliated	Will be Rescued Psalm 18:27, 2Sam 22:28
Brings Disgrace	Brings Wisdom Prov. 11:2
Brings God’s Opposition	Brings God’s Grace James 4:6, 1Pet 5:5
	Teaches and Guides them Psalm 25:9
	Brings them Honour Prov.15:33, Prov.18:12
Pride is a deep <u>weakness</u>.	Humility is a deep <u>strength</u>.

“Humility is honestly assessing ourselves in the light of God’s holiness and our sinfulness.”

C.J Mahaney

15. Read [Proverbs 16:18](#)
 - Pride by its nature dishonours another person!

- Pride destroys us and our relationships
 - Humility is the antidote to pride – it always builds relationships.
16. Read [Philippians 2:3](#)
- Pride destroys relationships. Expressed in many different ways (criticism, competition, stubbornness, superficiality)
 - Pride is self-deceiving. Everybody else can see it but we don't see it
17. Read [1 Peter 3:8](#)
18. How can we grow in humility?
19. Read [Ephesians 4:23-24](#) - What is the relationship principle within this scripture?
- If we spend time with moody people, we get moodier
 - If we spend time with people that laugh, we laugh more
 - If we want more humility, we need to spend time with Jesus Christ
20. How can you develop a new nature, that produces greater humility in your life?
21. Read [Philippians 2:5-6](#)
- Jesus Christ has demonstrated the greatest humility possible:
 - He gave up heaven to come to Earth to become a man
 - He lived with us, gave His life for us, and was raised for us
 - The more time we spend with Christ (in His word and prayer), the more humble we become