

To love is Humility

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

ROMANS 12:3 NIV

“It was pride that changed angels into demons; it is humility that makes men as angels.”

- Augustine of Hippo

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.”

- C.S. Lewis

BENEFITS OF BEING HUMBLE:

1. Only a humble person can truly know God

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

JAMES 4:6 NASB

2. Only a humble person can remain connected to God

But I will look to this one, at one who is humble and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at My word.

ISAIAH 66:2 NABRE

3. Only a humble person can truly love

4. Only a humble person can remain in true love

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. ⁵ It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own benefit; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong suffered, ⁶ it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷ it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 NASB

TO REMAIN HUMBLE, I MUST REMEMBER THAT:

1. It is better to humble myself than to be humbled

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

LUKE 14:11 NASB

The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor, and life.

PROVERBS 22:4 NASB

²⁴ This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: ²⁵ that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the animals of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.

DANIEL 4:24-25 NASB

²⁹ Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. ³⁰ The king began speaking and was saying, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty?’ ³¹ While the word was still in the king’s mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you.’

DANIEL 4: 29-31 NASB

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.

PROVERBS 16:18 NASB

2. Pride is a subtle trap that pulls me away from God

⁶ And not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into condemnation incurred by the devil.

1 TIMOTHY 3:6 NASB

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such people as these.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 NASB

Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: wipe away your sin by doing righteousness, and your wrongdoings by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.

DANIEL 4:27 NASB

He has told you, mortal one, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

MICAH 6:8 NASB

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the perverted mouth, I hate.

PROVERBS 8:13 NASB

3. Only the humble can truly love God and their neighbor

³⁴ “But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation. ³⁵ All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account, But He does according to His will among the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can fend off His hand or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’”

DANIEL 4:34-35 NASB

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 NASB

4. God exalts the humble

³⁶ At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the honor of my kingdom, and my state counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. ³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just; and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.

DANIEL 4:36-37 NASB

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time.

1 PETER 5:6 NASB