



Humility is essential in beginning and maintaining a relationship with God. Pride, the opposite of humility, is often difficult to see in yourself and difficult to define in one’s character. It can be described as stubbornness toward God and his Word as well as others, or as independence from God and/or others.

Let’s look at a few examples of what humility is **NOT**.

1. **Stubborn:** Exodus 13:15 (Pharaoh was stubborn towards the Lord’s will)
2. **Pride:** Psalm 73:6 (It’s hard to see your own pride but others can easily)
3. **Arrogance:** Proverbs 8:13 (God hates arrogance)

Let’s look at what examples of **humility truly looks like**.

1. **Proverbs 15:33** (fear of God brings about wisdom and humility)
2. **Proverbs 16:3** (put God first and you will be successful)
3. **Philippians 2:3** (putting others before yourself)
4. **Colossians 3:12** (we are to put on humility daily)
5. **I Peter 5:5** (respect others and clothe yourself with humility)

What **humility is not:**

- A. Being wimpy and letting people walk over you: Jesus was no wimp (John 2:15)
- B. Have no opinions, become a spiritual robot: Paul pleased God not man (Galatians 1:10)

What **humility is:**

- A. Getting and applying input: Proverbs 19:20
- B. Taking correction: Proverbs 12:1

Philippians 2:5-8

How was Jesus humble?

- A. He was God but left heaven to become man (like you becoming an ant)
- B. He gave up being a king to serve those who didn’t love or respect him.
- C. He died for you and me.

Question: Is there anyone in your life difficult for you to be humble towards?

Question: What would Jesus advise you to do with that situation?

To be like Jesus is to be humble