

# Lesson 3: Pride Versus Humility

## A. The sin of pride

1. Where did the sin of pride originate? Isaiah 14:12-14, Ezekiel 28:13-17
2. Why does God hate the sin of pride? Proverbs 8:13 6:16-18 (notice “a proud look” is first on the list)
3. What warnings did Solomon give about the danger of a proud spirit? Proverbs 13:10, 16:18, 29:23, etc.
4. What parable of Jesus warns about the sin of pride and its consequences? Luke 18:9-14
5. Share a time when you were tempted to manifest a proud spirit. What lessons did you learn through that experience?

## B. The gift of a humble spirit

1. What appeal did the Apostle Peter make to Christians who might be tempted to manifest a proud spirit? 1 Peter 5:6
2. Is a humble spirit a gift from God or a character trait we can develop by intentional effort? (Psalm 51:10)
3. Where do you see a humble spirit manifested in the life of Jesus?
4. What other individuals in the Scriptures manifested a humble spirit? Mary – Luke 1:26-38, Moses – Hebrews 11:23-26, the Roman Centurion in Capernaum – Matthew 8:5-13, etc.
5. What appeal did the Apostle Paul make to Christians who were being tempted to manifest a proud spirit? Philippians 2:3-8
6. What blessings come to those who have a humble spirit? Psalm 25:9, 149:4, James 4:10, etc.

## C. A dispute among the disciples

1. Luke 22:24 What lessons can we learn from the dispute that arose among the disciples of Jesus?
2. What event caused this dispute to arise? Mark 10:35-41
3. Matthew tells us the mother of James and John came with them and requested an exalted position in the kingdom of heaven for her two sons. (Matthew 20:20-21) Was this her idea or were they using their mother to make their appeal to Jesus?
4. How did Jesus respond to this contention among His disciples over who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Mark 10:42-45, (see also Luke 22:25-27)
5. When did you come to realize that the call to become a follower of Jesus was not a call to greatness but rather a call to serve others in love?
6. How can we avoid the trap of desiring an exalted position as one of the followers of Jesus?