Humility

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* 1. Passages about Humility
		1. Definition of Humility
			1. : not proud : not thinking of yourself as better than other people
			2. : given or said in a way that shows you do not think you are better than other people
			3. : showing that you do not think of yourself as better than other people
			4. :not proud or haughty : not arrogant or assertive
			5. : reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of deference or submission <a humble apology>
			6. a : ranking low in a hierarchy or scale : insignificant, unpretentious
			7. b : not costly or luxurious <a humble contraption>
		2. Pro\_15:33 The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.
		3. Pro\_18:12 Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.
		4. Pro\_22:4 The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.
		5. Zep\_2:3 Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.
		6. Act\_20:19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews;
		7. Eph\_4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
		8. Php\_2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
		9. Col\_3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
		10. 1Pe\_5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
		11. Jas\_4:6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
		12. Jas\_4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.
		13. 1Pe\_3:8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.
		14. 1Pe\_5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
		15. 1Pe\_5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,
		16. Job\_40:11 Pour out the overflowings of your anger, and look on everyone who is proud and abase him.
		17. Job\_40:12 Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low and tread down the wicked where they stand.
		18. Psa\_40:4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
		19. Psa\_94:2 Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve!
		20. Psa\_123:4 Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.
		21. Pro\_15:25 The LORD tears down the house of the proud but maintains the widow's boundaries.
		22. Pro\_16:19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.
		23. Pro\_21:4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin.
		24. Ecc\_7:8 Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
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	2. Some examples of humility
		1. John 13:3-5 - Jesus washing the disciples feet
		2. Luke 7:36-39, Woman anointing Jesus with perfume and washing His feet with her hair
		3. Jesus coming to earth in the form of a man
			1. Phil 2:5-8 (NASB) - 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
		4. Deut 8:2-7 (NASB) - 2 You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5 Thus you are to know in your heart that the Lord your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son. 6 Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;
	3. Practical applications of this characteristic
		1. **Do something out of the ordinary and special for your spouse**
			1. Serving your wife dinner on occasion given she has served you many times
			2. Bringing her coffee in the morning while she is getting ready
			3. It does not matter what it is, but you have to pay attention enough to know what your spouse would like or appreciate
		2. You have just **tracked mud into the thru the kitchen** and down the hall. Your wife has just cleaned the floors. You are not aware of that. She is furious with you. She raises her voice at you.
			1. You can humbly apologize and clean up the mess
			2. You can apologize and let her clean up the mess
			3. You can get on to her for raising her voice to you and tell her to clean up the mess
		3. You are left with the kids, one of which is a baby in diapers. Your wife will only be gone for 30 minutes but the **baby's diaper needs to be changed**
			1. You can change the diaper even though you really hate to do it
			2. You can leave it till she returns
			3. Which one shows humility?
		4. Your **wife has completely failed to accomplish what you nicely asked her to do** this morning and it was important it got done today. She knew that. She is very irritable when you get home from work. She is short with you and snappy. You ask about the items that needed to be done today. She replies with a disrespectful answer.
			1. You can get angry and rebuke her.
			2. You can ask how her day went and if she needs some help with something
		5. Never pay back evil with evil
			1. Your husband walks in the door. You are excited to see him as are the kids. You greet him, and kiss him. **He snaps at you and storms off**
				1. You can get mad at his complete lack of consideration and rudeness
				2. You could give him some space, keep the kids away and then offer some dinner in a little while all while not being mad or offended.
			2. One of you have **broken your promise to the kids**. You have completely forgotten about it. Your spouse has called it to your attention.
				1. You can deny it, make excuses or try to blame others
				2. You can humbly accept responsibility and work to correct the situation
			3. Rom 12:14-19 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. (15) Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. (16) Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. (17) Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. (18) If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. (19) Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

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