

# As we walk with our Lord Jesus Christ let us remember the important contrasts between pride and humility. Following are 10 revelations from Scripture.

## 1. The proud man stands in opposition to God.

The humble man receives God's grace. "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6).

## 2. The proud does not acknowledge his weakness.

The humble is content in his weakness for Christ's sake. "I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:10).

## 3. The proud demands his rights.

The humble yields his rights to God. "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus...He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil.2:5-8).

## 4. The proud seeks self-vindication and revenge.

The humble overlooks offenses and waits on God's vindication. "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time" (1 Pet. 5:6). "A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression" (Prov. 19:11).

## 5. The proud is obsessed with praising himself.

The humble lets praise and recognition come from others. "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth" (Prov. 27:2). "It is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends" (2 Cor. 10:18).

## 6. The proud is bold to compare himself with others.

The humble avoids comparisons. "We are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding" (2 Cor. 10:12).

## 7. The proud exalts himself, bringing dishonor.

The humble is wise to wait for God's exaltation. "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Mat. 23:12). "When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom" (Prov. 11:2)

## 8. The proud seeks the approval of men.

The humble desires the approval of God. "For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ" (Gal. 1:10).

## 9. The proud finds greatness in exercising authority over others.

The humble finds greatness through serving others. Jesus said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant" (Mat. 20:25-26).

## 10. The proud perceives humility as a weakness.

The humble perceives humility as a strength. "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven (Mat. 18:4).

