

Jesus Our Teacher

What Jesus Really Taught About Pride

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14

"Those who exalt themselves, will be humbled; those who humble themselves will be exalted."

"Whoever wishes to be great must become a servant."

"Whoever loses their life for my sake will save it."

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

"there is one vice of which no-one in the world is free, which everyone in the world hates when he sees it in someone else, and of which hardly anyone ever imagines that they are guilty of themselves".

C.S. Lewis

God's attitude toward pride ...

He does not answer when people cry out because of the **pride** of the wicked. Job 35:12

May the LORD silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue. Psalm 12:3

To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate **pride** and arrogance, evil behaviour, and perverse speech. Prov. 8:13

In his **pride** the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. Psalm 10:4

When **pride** comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Prov. 11:2

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16:18

Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honour. Prov. 29:23

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the **pride** of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 John 2:16

"Humble yourself under God's mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time." 1 Pet 5:6

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"I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.' Matthew 5:20

What did he mean?