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Humility

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To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

“The individualistic culture is where each one of us has his/her own way of realizing our humanity, and that it is important to find and live out one's own, as against surrendering to conformity with a model imposed on us from outside, by society, the previous generation, or religious or political authority.”

- Charles Taylor, *The Age Of Authenticity*

The Nature of Pride

The Symptoms of Pride

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1 Peter 5:5

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The Nature of Pride: *Pride Is a Root*

“And so pride—the loss of humility—is the root of every sin and evil...Likewise, it was when the serpent breathed the poison of his pride, the desire to be as God—into the hearts of our first parents, that they too fell from their high estate into to which all humankind has sunk.”

- Andrew Murray, *Humility*

The Nature of Pride: *Pride Is the Rejection of Grace*

“Spiritual pride is the illusion that we are competent to run our own lives, achieve our own sense of self-worth and find a purpose big enough to give us meaning in life without God.”

- Timothy Keller, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*

The Nature of Pride: *Pride Is Revealed in Trials*

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Symptoms of Pride

1 Peter 5:2-3

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“Pride is the grand illusion, the fantasy of fantasies, the cosmic put-on. The fantasy that we can make it as little gods leaves us empty at the center...We are attacked by the demons of fear and anxiety. So we learn to swagger, to bluff...We force other people to act as buttresses for the shaky ego that pride created by emptying our soul of God...Every new situation calls forth the question: ‘What can I get out of this to support the need of my ego for power and applause?’ As one encounters new people, he/she wonders, ‘How can this person contribute to my need for applause and power?’ Vanity creates the need to use people because we cannot keep our balance spiritually if we are empty at the center.”

- Lewis B. Smedes

The Source of Humility

“C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity* makes a brilliant observation about gospel-humility at the very end of his chapter on pride. If we were to meet a truly humble person, Lewis says, we would never come away from meeting them thinking they were humble. They would not be always telling us they were a nobody [because a person who keeps saying they are a nobody is actually a self-obsessed person]. The thing we would remember from meeting a truly gospel-humble person is how much they seemed to be totally interested in us. Because the essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less. Gospel-humility is not needing to think about myself.”

- Timothy Keller, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*

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To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed.

1 Peter 5:4

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, *you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him *because he cares for you.*