

10- Road Skills – Humility

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We all tend to have an over inflated _____ of ourselves.

1. We tend to think that we are more _____ than we are. (30:12)

2. We tend to think that we are _____ than we are. (26:12)

3. We tend to think that we are more _____ than we are. (25:14)

4. We tend to think that we are _____ than others. (22:2)

What is needed is HUMILITY, which is the personal quality of being free from arrogance and pride and having an accurate estimate of one's worth. PRIDE, on the other hand, is undue confidence in and attention to one's own skills, accomplishments, state, possessions, or position.

We tend to _____ toward pride or humility. How do we recognize pride?

1. Pride causes us to be _____. (14:16)

2. Pride _____ other people away from us. (16:19)

3. Pride causes us _____. (16:18)

4. We are _____ to our pride while it is transparent to others. (28:11)

God has a problem with _____.

1. God _____ the sin of pride. (6:16-17)

2. God goes to _____ with the proud. (15:25)

The root of pride is _____.

We are chronically insecure people. We don't know who we are or understand what we have been created to be. So we therefore have to manufacture an identity that causes us to feel good about ourselves. Adam was created in perfection and he and his wife enjoyed a rich but simple and uncomplicated relationship with God. They enjoyed God's approval and they felt very good about themselves. (Gen. 2:25) The day came when they rejected God and His plan for them and they felt very badly about themselves. (Gen. 3:7) Their relationship with God became very difficult and complicated. Instead of feeling affirmation from God, they felt His displeasure. (Gen. 3:10). Shame and insecurity didn't exist until man broke relationship with God. Since that time Adam and his race have wandered in insecurity. We are forced to prop up our egos so that we feel some measure of worth. When we do this, we deceive ourselves into believing that we are better and smarter and holier than we really are. We silence that voice in our heart that tells us we need God.

_____ is the antidote to pride.

Pride says "I don't need anyone." Humility, on the other hand freely admits that my wisdom and strength and charm and resources are insufficient to get me through life.

1. We are people who need the _____.

- a. We need His _____. (3:7)
- b. We need His _____. (18:10)
- c. We need Him to _____ for us. (10:3)
- d. We need _____ with God. (3:32)
- e. We need to know that we _____ to God. (5:21)
- f. We need Him to _____ us. (3:5-6)

2. We are people who need each _____.

- a. The _____ is a fool. (18:1)
- b. We need one another to help us to _____. (27:17)
- c. We also need the _____ of each other. (11:14)

Humility recognizes that what we have, including the people around us, are gifts from God and what we don't have we must receive from God and others. The humble person doesn't have anything to prove, no façade to prop up, no false claims to hide. He or she rests in the goodness of God, knowing that God does not expect us to be anything more than we are and that He is able to provide so that we can be more than we are.

Humility must be _____.

- 1. Reject _____. (26:28)
- 2. Be careful with _____.
 - a. Don't go _____ praise. (25:27)
 - b. Don't self _____. (27:2)
 - c. Take what others say with a grain of _____. (27:21)

Pride silences that voice in our heart that tells us we need God. Humility _____ when we understand our need for God and others.

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

Use this section in your personal or family devotions to better apply the truth.

- 1. Think about where you started in life as opposed to where you are now. Has your humility grown or diminished over the years?
- 2. What particular facets of life tend to provoke your pride more than others?
- 3. Think through the Bible and your own life and make a list of the ways that you need God. Make another list of the ways that you need others. Review it as needed.