

Pride verses Humility

Lesson 3: April 11-17, 2026

(Texts are from the KJV unless noted otherwise.)

Memory Text: ***“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”*** (Luke 14:11, NKJV).

Sunday The Tight Fingers of Pride

Isaiah 14:12–14 12How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations! 13And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

Philippians 2:5–11 5Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; 8and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross. 9Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; 10that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, 11and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 John 2:15–17 15Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Mark 12:31 The second is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

1 Tim 3:1 Faithful is the saying, If a man seeketh the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

Monday Know Yourself

Luke 18:9–14 9And he spake also this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set all others at nought: 10Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. 13But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. 14I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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Luke 14:8–10 8When thou art bidden of any man to a marriage feast, sit not down in the chief seat; lest haply a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him, 9and he that bade thee and him shall come and say to thee, Give this man place; and then thou shalt begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest place; that when he that hath bidden thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have glory in the presence of all that sit at meat with thee.

First Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.

Tuesday Moses, Humble Servant

Acts 7:22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in his words and works.

Hebrews 11:24–26 24By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of reward.

Exod 2:12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he smote the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

Numbers 12:3 Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth.

Wednesday The Greatest Offense

Luke 22:24–27 24And there arose also a contention among them, which of them was accounted to be greatest. 25And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles have lordship over them; and they that have authority over them are called Benefactors. 26But ye shall not be so: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. 27For which is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am in the midst of you as he that serveth.

Thursday Look at Him

Luke 22:27 For which is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am in the midst of you as he that serveth.

Philippians 2:3–8 3doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; 4not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. 5Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; 8and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.

Friday Further Thought

Matthew 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Psalms 25:9 The meek will he guide in justice; And the meek will he teach his way.

Psalms 149:4 For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people: He will beautify the meek with salvation.

James 4:6, 10 6But he giveth more grace. Wherefore the scripture saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.

10Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.