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TITLE Humble

SERIES What is wisdom? When is it apparent? How is it gained? Jesus answers these questions when He says wisdom begins with good character. Join us as we look at the character traits Jesus identifies as building blocks for wisdom.

Get to know me

1. What is the "pecking order" in your home or at your job? What is the impact on the social interaction or on the tasks that need to be accomplished? What maneuverings within the pecking order do you notice?
2. Describe a time when you were humbled. How did you respond? How can you avoid such situations again?
3. Pastor David said pride is the opposite of humility. Is there ever a time when pride is a good thing? Why or why not?

Into the Bible

Pastor David said pride comes naturally, but humility takes God's grace and our willingness to be meek. Satan is the epitome of pride (Isaiah 14:12-14) and Jesus is the epitome of humility (Philippians 2:5-9). However, we humans are capable of being both prideful and humble.

1. Read the following biblical accounts of one that was proud and one that was humble. Compare and contrast the consequences of their actions
Proud - Daniel 4:27-30
Its consequences - Daniel 4:31-33

Humble - 1 Samuel 25:23-24, 28
Its consequences - 1 Samuel 25:32-33, 40-42
2. Describe a time when you acted with pride. What were the consequences?
3. Describe a time when you acted with humility. What were the consequences?

Application

Priming the Pump

1. Thinking about the sermon, is the concept of "pride comes before a fall" particularly difficult or easy to grasp?

James 4:10 - "Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you."

1. How do we receive the Lord's exaltation with humility instead pride? (Look at the verses that precede verse 10 if you need more information to formulate your conclusions).
2. Discuss how humility leads to healthy relationships. Conversely, discuss how judging leads to destructive relationships.

Connecting

1. Thinking back on 'humility in action' from our sermon this week, have you ever "acted" in humility without meaning it in your heart? If so, did God open your eyes to this counterfeit attitude to allow you to extend grace in a way you didn't expect? Share how you matured spiritually.

Digging deeper

1. One way to show humility is to live like we have less to prove. What areas in your life, personal or professional, will you commit to acting like you have nothing to prove?