

Your Best Friend, Your Worst Enemy
Resources on Humility

Memory Verse: And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5: 5)

Humility: Your Best Friend

Truly, humility is our greatest friend. [Humility] increases our hunger for God's word and opens our hearts to his Spirit. It leads to intimacy with God, who knows the proud from afar, but dwells with him "who is of a contrite and lowly spirit". It imparts the aroma of Christ to all whom we encounter. It is a sign of greatness in the kingdom of God. Developing the identity, attitude, and conduct of a humble servant does not happen overnight. It is rather like peeling an onion: you cut away one layer only to find another beneath it. But it does happen. As we forsake pride and seek to humble ourselves by daily deliberate choices in dependence on the Holy Spirit, humility grows in our soul.

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Pride: Your Worst Enemy

Hello my name is Pride. I am a cheater. I cheat you of your God-given destiny because you demand your own way. I cheat you of contentment because you deserve better than this. I cheat you of knowledge because you already know it all. I cheat you of healing because you're too full of me to forgive. I cheat you of holiness because you refuse to admit when you are wrong. I cheat you of vision because you'd rather follow your own heart. I cheat you of genuine friendship because nobody's going to know the real you. I cheat you of love because real romance demands sacrifice. I cheat you of greatness in heaven because you refuse to wash another's feet on earth. I cheat you of God's glory because I convince you to seek your own glory. My name is Pride. I am a cheater. You like me because you think I'm always looking out for you. Untrue. I'm looking to make a fool of you. God has so much for you, I admit. But don't worry...If you stick with me you'll never know!

Unknown

Books

1. *Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness* by Andrew Murray
2. *Humility: True Greatness* by C. J. Mahaney
3. *Humbled: Welcoming the Uncomfortable Work of God* by David Mathis
4. *Humble Roots: How Humility Grounds and Nourishes Your Soul* by Hannah Anderson