

Have Humility Towards One Another

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Scripture

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. I Peter 5:5

Thought

Pride is an ugly beast. It makes us say things and do things that we later regret. Pride has caused me to not ask my husband to clarify statements that I found hurtful, or ask him for help when I need it, or push him away emotionally when I should have been pulling him closer. It has stopped me from repenting, even when deep down I knew I was completely in the wrong. We all know that there are times when we should simply “swallow our pride” but let’s be honest – that is easier said than done!! Pride is not easily ignored, and it usually screams so loud, that we give in to its demands. Humility is an interesting thing. Often people confuse it for insecurity or weakness, but it is the farthest thing from it. Walking in humility requires incredible maturity and inner strength. Tommy Barnett shared a definition of humility that I love. He said humility is not thinking less of yourself – it is simply thinking of yourself less. (Mic. Drop.) That was a game changer for me and my marriage. It is so easy to become self-centered and self-serving. Living in humility meant getting my focus of me and thinking more about my husband and how I could bless him, comfort him, understand his perspective, and love him well. It meant getting my thoughts off all the ways I was succeeding or failing and choosing to think of my husband instead. It also freed me from thinking of all the ways my husband was not meeting my needs and doing things the way I wanted him to, because I was not focused simply on me anymore. Humility is choosing to serve one another instead of demanding to be served, choosing to prefer one another instead of demanding our own way. Humility is honestly a choice we make – very much like deciding what clothing we will wear each day – choose well.

Action Step

God resists the proud so if you want God in your marriage then you may need to repent of pride. Insecurity is also destructive so repent of that as well. You are both valued and equals under Gods’ eyes. Choose humility over pride daily. In those moments you could chose pride and become angry, choose humility, and seek understanding. Look for situations this week where you can choose to clothe yourself in humility instead of pride and seek help, clarity and understanding.

Prayer

Lord help me to wear humility daily when it comes to my spouse. Help me to look for ways to build, bless, encourage and serve them. Help me to remember that my worth is secured in the fact that I am a child of God, so help me out of my strength, to think more of my spouse and less of myself each day. In Jesus Name. Amen

P.S.

“pride is more concerned with being right than with making it right” Pastor Barb



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