

## Humility And Pride

December 1, 2002. While traveling in Texas with our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel RV, the Holy Spirit spoke—“Just as you are grieved by the campgrounds you have been staying in, I am grieved by my church and I liken it to these campgrounds. Spiritually they are full of potholes. Their piers are rotten or missing. They are over grown with thorns, their temples are decayed. Yet they rate themselves very highly. They refuse to acknowledge their sunken state. Wait upon my judgments, for I must and will prepare then to listen and see their nakedness spiritually.” Just the day before, Margaret and I had been talking about the Trailer Life Campground Directory and that how the campgrounds where we stayed were overrated in the directory.

Then the Holy Spirit spoke this—“As Paul was blinded by the scales on his eyes, the ‘churches’ are blinded by their traditions and doctrines. Their eyes and ears must be opened like Paul allowed his eyes to be opened. Then they will see me and that is all that will matter. Then there will be love and unity in that body ready to be matured. Again wait, wait until they are humbled by judgments, then you will speak my truths.”

The Holy Spirit started speaking again—“They (Christians is prayer lines) think they must be prayed for by ‘man of the hour’ to be healed. It is not the man, but I who does the healing. I use whoever I choose to do the praying, but the one who is being prayed for must be willing to humble himself and believe to receive healing. Or, does that man who is being prayed for have his eyes focused on ‘the man of the hour’ for healing? What does my Word say? **James 5:13-16** **13** *Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. 14* *Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15* *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16* *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (KJV)*

“Look up humility and look up pride. What does my Word say?”

Webster’s—**Humility**=the state or quality of being humble; absence of pride or self-assertion. (Humble=having or showing a consciousness of one’s defects or shortcoming; not proud; not self-assertive; modest. **Pride**=a)an over high opinion of oneself; exaggerated self-esteem; conceit. b) haughty behavior resulting from this; arrogance. (Arrogance=overbearing pride or self-importance).

Vine’s Dictionary—**English Words:** Humbleness of mind, Humility, **Usage Number:** 1 **Strong’s Number:** 5012, **Greek Word:** tapeinophrosune **Usage Notes:** “lowliness of mind” (tapeinos, see A, above, under HUMBLE, and phren, “the mind”), is rendered “humility of mind” in Acts 20:19, AV (RV, “lowliness of mind”) **Acts 20:19 19** *Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:* (KJV) in Eph. 4:2, “lowliness;” **Ephesians 4:2 2** *With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;* (KJV) in Phil. 2:3, “lowliness of mind;” **Philippians 2:3 3** *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.* (KJV) in Col. 2:18, 23, of a false “humility;” **Colossians 2:18 18** *Don’t let anyone condemn you by insisting on self-denial. And don’t let anyone say you must worship angels, even though they say they have had visions about this. These people claim to be so humble, but their sinful minds have made them proud.* (NLT), **23** *These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, humility, and severe bodily discipline. But they have no effect when it comes to conquering a person’s evil thoughts and desires.* (NLT) in Colossians 3:12, AV, “humbleness of mind,” RV, “humility;” **Colossians 3:12 12** *Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.* (NLT) 1Pet. 5:5, “humility.” **1 Peter 5:5 5** *You younger men, accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, serve each other in humility, for “God sets himself against the proud, but he shows favor to the humble.”* (NLT) RV, “humility;” See LOWLINESS.

Vine’s dictionary—**English Word:** Pride, **Usage Number:** A-1, **Part of Speech:** Noun **Strong’s Number:** 212, **Greek Word:** alazonia[-eia] **Usage Notes:** is translated “pride” in **1 John 2:16 16** *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.* (KJV), AV. See BOAST, B, No. 2, VAINGLORY. **Usage Number:** A-2, **Part of Speech:** Noun, **Strong’s Number:** 5243, **Greek Word:** huperephania **Usage Notes:** “pride,” **Mark 7:22 22** *adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, eagerness for lustful pleasure, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.* (NLT): see HAUGHTY. **Usage Number:** B-1, **Part of Speech:** Verb, **Strong’s Number:** 5187, **Greek Word:** tuphoo **Usage Notes:** “lifted up with pride,” **1 Timothy 3:6 6** *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.* (KJV), AV (RV, “puffed up”). See HIGH-MINDED.

The Lord continues to speak—“See where they (the church) are at and why they are in trouble, sick and dying. They have pride and head knowledge without spiritual application. I am changing things. Remember, what’s to be will be the

opposite of what was. I will have my church according to my Word. It will be a new man in me and they will drink of the new wine. The old wine, even though it tastes good, must be poured out. The old and the new will not mix, but will explode in disputes and disagreements. The old wine will be put aside and if not it will not be of me. I am the new wine resurrected out of the old wine. I put away the old and arose anew. My church must put away the old and arise anew to be my church without spot or wrinkle. Humble yourselves so the scales can be removed to see me as who I am and not what I was before I died on the cross for you. Arise anew as I have arisen. Be in truth and love. Abide in me as I abide in my Father.” Amen.

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