

I. We see individuals who _____ humility.

A. Herod (Acts 12)

1. He used people to promote his own _____ (1-4).
2. He took _____ that belongs to God (19-23).

B. Diotrephes (3 John)

1. He loved being _____ (9).
2. He made others look _____ to make himself look good (10a).
3. He refused to help other _____ succeed (10b).
4. He treated the _____ as though it existed for him (10c).

C. James and John (Mark 10)

1. They wanted positions of _____ (37).
2. They defined greatness as being _____ other people (41-42).
3. They needed to see themselves as _____ (43-45).

II. We see individuals who _____ humility.

A. John the Baptist (John 1)

1. He understood and accepted his _____ (1:6-9).
2. He lived to exalt _____, not himself (1:15, 19-23; 3:30).
3. He confessed that he was _____ (1:26-27).
4. He encouraged people to turn from him and _____ Jesus (1:29-31, 35-36).

B. Mary (Luke 1)

1. She submitted to God's _____ even though she didn't understand it (30-38).
2. Though honored by God, she gave _____ to God (46-55).
3. She admitted her _____ for a Savior (47).

C. Paul (2 Cor. 12:1-10)

1. He had a God-given _____ to keep him from being conceited (7).
2. He learned to boast about his _____ (8-10).

D. Timothy (Phil. 2:19-24)

1. He didn't live for his own interests.
2. He lived to serve Christ and His people.

E. Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25-30)

1. He was willing to die for the work of Christ (30).
2. He and others like him deserve our honor (29).

F. Dorcas (Acts 9:36-43)

1. She had a reputation for doing good and helping the poor (36).
2. She left behind evidence of her humility (39).

Getting Intentional about Humility: As your day ends... (adapted from

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1. Give God the glory for your _____.
2. Cast your cares upon _____, for He cares for you.
3. Accept the gift of _____ from God and affirm its purpose.

Community Group Discussion:

1. We are calling our current series, *Killing Pride, Cultivating Humility*. When you think of a proud person, who first comes to mind and why? When you think of a humble person, who first comes to mind and why?

2. This morning, we looked at models of pride and humility in the New Testament. Take a moment to review highlights from the handout. Which of the biblical characters we examined stood out most to you from today's study, and why?

3. What are some characteristics of **pride** that are common to the biblical examples we considered? What are some characteristics of **humility** that are common to the biblical examples we considered?

4. Thomas Watson said, “When we have done anything praiseworthy, we must hide ourselves under the veil of humility and transfer the glory of all we have done to God.” What are some practical implications of that sentence for church life? For family life?

5. Since beginning our series, what changes have you made in your daily routine that have helped you in your pursuit of God-honoring humility? Are there additional changes you plan to make? After sharing, spend time praying for one another.