

Lesson #13: Repentance vs. Pride

"Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you." James 4:10.

Do we really humble ourselves? Or do we fight the constant fight against Satan and our sinful nature when we whisper to ourselves, "Well at least I'm better than THAT person."

God's Word is full of references to humility vs. pride. "Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor." (Proverbs 29:23). Apostle Paul called himself the worst of all sinners and God used him to write major portions of the Bible. The issue is not who or what we are, but how humble we are. James 4:6 tells how God hates pride and favors the humble.

This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24

Not humbling yourself is a barrier to successful prayer.

Sample Prayer:

Lord, I humble myself under Your Mighty Hand. Too often and in too many ways I put myself first above my loyalty to You. I ask you to purge me of pride and help me come to You with nothing but gratitude in my heart for all the blessings You have given me. Help me to see things as they really are. Amen.

Say it, Mean it.