

HUMILITY BEFORE HONOR

If You Think You Are Something

- I. **Both pride and humility deal with how we see ourselves-Rm11:18-BOAST** (assume superiority over) not against the branches. But if you boast you bear not the root but the root you.²⁰Because of unbelief they were broken off and you stand by faith. BE NOT HIGHMINDED but fear:²¹For if God spared not the natural branches take heed lest he also spare not thee.²²Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell severity but toward you goodness, if you continue in his goodness: otherwise you also shalt be cut off. ^{Rm12:3}I say...TO EVERY MAN that is among you, not TO THINK OF HIMSELF more highly than he OUGHT (right) to think but to think SOBERLY (right mind), according as God hath dealt TO EVERY MAN the measure of faith.¹⁶ACDo not be haughty (snobbish, highminded, exclusive)...never overestimate yourself or be wise in your own conceits-**Ob1:3**
- A. Pride is highminded-1.Exalts itself 2.Untrue self esteem 3.Looks down on others 4.Has an air superiority 5.Deals lies (becloud, envelop in smoke, wrap in mist) 6.Empty assurance-Assurance built on nothing
- B. Humility is lowliness of mind (Ph2:3)-1.Lowly-No air of superiority-**Mt11:29** 2.Sees itself rightly 3.Lives in reality (Not rising far from ground; earth, ground soil, reduce to a plain, to level)
- C. To walk in humility we need a good dose of reality-We need to be leveled by the truth and see ourselves how we actually are
- II. **You're not something special (In yourself)-Ga6:3**-If a man THINK HIMSELF to be something when he is nothing he deceives himself. [AM-If anyone thinks he is something [SPECIAL] when [in fact] he is nothing [special except IN HIS OWN EYES] he deceives himself-**CEV**-If you think you are better than others] ⁴But let every man PROVE HIS OWN WORK and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone and not in another. [AC-Scrutinize...examine...test HIS OWN conduct and HIS OWN work. He can then have the personal SATISFACTION AND JOY of doing something commendable [in itself alone] without [resorting to] boastful comparison with his neighbor].⁵For every man shall bear HIS OWN burden [**MS**-Each of you must take responsibility for doing the best you can with YOUR OWN life]
- A. Pride appraises (sets a value on itself and others) and compares-Always arriving at this conclusion: I am something/better
- B. Pride did-You're not the smartest, holiest, most committed, hardest working-**1Co4:7**-WHO makes you to differ from another-**GN**-WHO made you so superior-**GW**-WHO says you are any better...-**EHV**-Who makes you so special
- C. One of the big evidences that we're coming out of pride is we stop talking about other people and what they do (Judging and comparing)-Many are validated NOT by their own work, but by being better than others and even validated by the faults/failures of others-**V4,5**
- D. Pride sets itself apart-**Is65:5**-Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose-**Lk18:11**-Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself God I thank you that I am not as other men are extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican
- E. If you are anything it's by God's grace-**1Co15:10**-By the grace of God I am what I am