

HUMILITY BEFORE HONOR

If You Think You Know Something

- I. **Pride/humility deal with how we see ourselves-Rm12:3-TO EVERY MAN that is among you not TO THINK OF HIMSELF more highly than he ought to think but to think soberly...^{16AM}...associate with humble people [THOSE WITH A REALISTIC SELF-VIEW]. Do not overestimate yourself-Rm11:18-Boast not...²²Be not highminded**
- A. Pride-Highminded-1.Exalts self 2.Untrue self-esteem 3.Looks down 4. Superiority 5.Becloud, envelop in smoke, wrap in mist 6.Empty assurance
 - B. Humility-Lowliness of mind-1.Lowly 2.Sees self rightly 3.Live in reality (Not rise far from ground; reduce to a plain, to level)-**Ph2:3-Vainglory...Lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves**
 - C. 5 ways pride sees itself (points of entry)-1.Something special/better 2.Knowing so much 3.Having so much 4.Able to do so much 5.Perfect/close
 - D. We need to be leveled by the truth-We need good dose of reality
- II. **You don't know everything-1Co8:1-Touching things offered unto idols we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge PUFFS UP (makes proud) but charity edifies [TP-EVERYONE BELIEVES HIS OWN OPINION IS RIGHT on this matter. How easily we get puffed up over our opinions.]²If any man THINK THAT HE KNOWS ANYTHING he knows nothing yet as he ought to know [CEV-People who think they know so much don't know anything at all-REM-Those who think they know the right answer for all situations and especially for what others should do reveal how little they actually comprehend or understand].⁴...We know that an idol is nothing in the world and that there is none other God but one.⁷...there is not in every man that knowledge...some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol and their conscience being weak is defiled.⁸...Meat commends us not to God...neither if we eat are we the better...are we the worse.⁹Take heed...this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.¹⁰If any man see you...sit at meat in the idol's temple shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;¹¹And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish for whom Christ died?¹²...when ye sin so against the brethren and wound their weak conscience ye SIN AGAINST CHRIST.¹³...if meat make my brother to offend I will eat no flesh...**
- A. Summary-They're puffed up about this knowledge about eating food offered to idols, thinking they know so much. They eat thinking they're superior and in reality they're causing others to perish by eating.
 - B. We are woefully limited in knowledge and our perspective on most things is blurry at best-1Co13:9-We know in part-CEV-We don't know everything ...¹²NOW we see through a glass darkly...NOW I KNOW IN PART-GW-NOW we see A BLURRED IMAGE in a mirror. NOW my knowledge is incomplete.
 - 1. Why Proverbs 3:5-7?-Because you don't know everything and He does
 - C. All we know is what we see and that is a very limited view of reality because all we see is not all there is-1Sm16:7-Look not on his countenance or on the height of his stature...the LORD sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance but the LORD looks on the

heart-**Hb4:13**-All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him-
Jn7:24-Judge not according to the appearance

- D. Pride sees itself as wise-**Rm12:16-AC**-Do not be haughty (snobbish, highminded, exclusive)...never overestimate yourself or be wise IN YOUR OWN CONCEITS (opinion)-**Pr26:12**-Seest thou a man wise IN HIS OWN CONCEIT; There is more hope of fool than of him-**GNB**-The most stupid fool is better off than those who think they are wise when they are not
1. Thinking you know so much you become a fool-**Rm1:22**-Professing themselves to be wise they became fools
 2. The only way to know something is to humble yourself-**Ps25:9**-The meek will he guide in judgment: the meek will he teach his way
 3. K.Hagin-"The more I learn more I see how much I don't know."
 4. Knows nothing as he ought-Ought to know he doesn't know that much
- E. Pride is opinionated-It knows so much-**Pr12:15**-Way of a fool is right IN HIS OWN EYES-**ER**-Fools always think their own way is the best-**GNB**-Stupid people always think they are right-**TP**-In love with his own opinion-**Rm14:1-AM**-Quarreling over opinions-**Pr13:10**-Only by pride comes contention (debate)-**MS**-Arrogant know-it-alls stir up discord
- F. Who are you? What do you know?-He wrote Proverbs 22:4-**1Ki3:7**-You have made thy servant king...and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in...⁹Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people that I may discern between good and bad...¹⁰The speech pleased the Lord...¹¹Because you hast asked this thing and hast not asked for thyself long life...riches...the life of thine enemies but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; ¹²I have done according to thy words...I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart so that there was none like you before you...after you...¹³And I have also given you that which you hast not asked, both riches and honour so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto you all thy days