

PRIDE AND HUMILITY

Can I really do it all?

- Pride and Humility¹

⁵Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (1 Peter 5:5)

Be Humble- We're finite

- Finite time

⁶A voice says, "Cry! And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. (Isaiah 40:6-7)

- Finite power

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? (Isaiah 40:12)

- Finite control

¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— ¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. (James 4:13-16)

- Finite impact

¹⁵ Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales... (Isaiah 40:15, 17)

- Finite knowledge

¹³ Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? ¹⁴ Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? (Isaiah 40:13-14)

Have Dignity- from the infinite one

- Nothing else gives true dignity

- God humbly gives dignity²

- To all humanity

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen. 1:27)

- To his people

¹⁰Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:10-11).

- So humbly accept our dignity

¹ Prov 3:34, James 4:6, Phil 2:3-8, Rom 12:3

² Psalm 113:5-6, Psalm 18:35