

# PRIDE AND HUMILITY

## Where's my self-esteem?

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<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, (Romans 12:1-3)<sup>1</sup>

### **Humbly accept we're all proud<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup>For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup>For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they did not honour him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. (Rom 1:18-23)

<sup>17</sup>But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and BOAST in God... if you're sure you're a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish... <sup>23</sup> you who BOAST in the law dishonour God by breaking the law. (Rom 2:17, 23)

### **Humbly accept pride's disastrous**

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of God's wrath when God's righteous judgement will be revealed. (Romans 2:5)

### **Humbly accept a humble gift**

<sup>6</sup>While we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8).

- Humility takes Pride's Punishment

- Humility secures Self-Esteem

- Humility breaks Pride's Power<sup>3</sup>

<sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. (Romans 6:6).

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<sup>1</sup> 1:8, 15:14, 14:10, 11:18, 1:13

<sup>2</sup> 1:29, 3:10



### **Discussion questions**

- When are you most tempted to act proudly like you're the centre of the universe?
- What practical step could you take to humbly serve others?

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<sup>3</sup> 6:1-14, 11:36, 12:16, 15:24