

# PRIDE AND HUMILITY

## Can I really do it all?

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### - Pride and Humility<sup>1</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Clothe 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

<sup>6</sup>A 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. <sup>7</sup>The 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

<sup>12</sup> 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

<sup>13</sup> 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"— <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. (James 4:13-16)

### - Finite impact

<sup>15</sup> 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

<sup>13</sup> Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? <sup>14</sup> 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 dignity<sup>2</sup>

- To all humanity

<sup>27</sup> 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

<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He 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

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<sup>1</sup> Prov 3:34, James 4:6, Phil 2:3-8, Rom 12:3

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<sup>2</sup> Psalm 113:5-6, Psalm 18:35