

“Humility Before God Leads to Zeal Before Man”
2 Samuel 6:14-23

Pride: A feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from someone’s own achievements.

Humility: A feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from Christ’s achievements.

“So that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’” (1 Corinthians 1:31)

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom” (Proverbs 11:2). “Before destruction a man’s heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor” (Proverbs 18:12). “One’s pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor” (Proverbs 29:23). “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you” (James 4:10).

- Humble Worship Before God: (2 Samuel 6:14-19)
 - There was an ephod that was worn by the High Priest (Exodus 28:6-8), and there was an ephod that was worn by anyone engaged in religious service (1 Samuel 22:18). David was humbling himself with the priesthood in the service of God, not exalting himself above the worship of God....“For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.” (Psalm 84:10)
 - There are many acts of worship before God in the Bible. The actions are not prescriptive, but instead are reflective of the heart of the worshiper.
 - “David *danced* before the LORD with all his might....*leaping* and dancing.” (2 Samuel 6:14,16)
 - “The house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with *shouting* and with the *sound of the horn*.” (2 Samuel 6:15)
 - “*Clap your hands*, all peoples! *Shout to God* with *loud songs of joy!*” (Psalm 47:1)
 - “All the people answered, ‘*Amen, Amen,*’ *lifting up their hands*. And they *bowed their heads* and worshiped the LORD with their *faces to the ground*.” (Nehemiah 8:6)
 - Solomon “*knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven*.” (1 Kings 8:54)
 - Israel *fasted* and *wept* before the LORD. (Judges 20:26)
 - “Be *silent*, all flesh, before the LORD.” (Zechariah 2:13)
- Proud Hearts Before Men: (2 Samuel 6:20-23)
 - “Then let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul.” (1 Chronicles 13:3)
 - Michal went out to meet David and said, “The king of Israel has embarrassed himself today by acting like a commoner, by dancing like women dance, and by dressing like a priest not like a king. It is a vile thing to humiliate yourself before the people like this.” (1 Chronicles 15:27-28; 1 Samuel 18:6; Exodus 15:20; 1 Samuel 15:12)
 - David said to Michal, “It was God who replaced your father with me because your father was proud. In light of that, I will give all glory to God and keep none for myself. I will go as low as I need to go to glorify God.” (1 Samuel 16:11; 1 Samuel 18:23; 1 Samuel 24:14; 2 Samuel 7:18)

Announcements:

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you are a church member and interested in serving the body by volunteering to serve in the Children's Ministry, we would love to have you join this ministry! We are in need of people who are able to serve on both Thursdays and Sundays! If you have any questions about this ministry or if you are interested in serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, we have a Monthly Men's Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, September 9th, at 7am, at The Big Apple Café — Log Pond. Joel Decker needs a headcount by Wednesday, September 6th, in order for everyone to sit together. (You can just show up, but he can't guarantee seats!)

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** On September 11th we will begin our 3rd Semester of "Systematic Theology" and we will be studying, "Evidences and Apologetics" from Dr. John C. Whitcomb who taught Apologetics for 39 years at Grace Theological Seminary. This course will be beneficial for any believer, as we will learn the best method in reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will look at different systems of Apologetics and propose the "Presuppositional Method", which is that the Bible is "Self-Authenticating" and is the best method of reaching the lost. The Course will be 7-8 weeks and we will meet on Mondays from 6-9pm, with 10 minute breaks every hour. Everyone is invited to take this Course as an Audit, meaning you will receive a Syllabus, but will not be tested or have any additional requirements except to listen and take notes as desired. If interested, let Elder Richard know so we can have a Syllabus printed for you.

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a church body THIS Sunday, September 3rd.

★**WOMEN'S FALL GET-TOGETHER:** Ladies, mark your calendars, we are planning a Women's Fall Get-Together on Saturday, October 14th, at 3pm, here at the church Fellowship Hall! The church will provide coffee, tea, hot cider, and cookies. Feel free to bring a finger food or dessert to share! This is a great way to make new connections or just catch up with friends. Children are welcome, but no child care will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Andrea Fields.