

*“If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.*

*Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.”*

*Philippians 2:1-8 (Message)*

God saves, supports, promises to guide, gives wisdom, rescues, and exalts the humble.

*“The people I treasure most are the humble--they depend only on me.” Isaiah 66:2 (CEV)*

*“I can guarantee this truth: Those who believe in me will do the things that I am doing. They will do even greater things because I am going to the Father.”*  
John 14:12 (GWT)

*“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”* 2 Corinthians 4:7

Pride is purely a matter of having the self at the center of one’s thoughts.

*“Humble people don’t think less of themselves—they think of themselves less.”* C.S. Lewis

*“Biblical humility is the exercising of your power for the benefits of someone else.”* Dr. Joel Edwards

HUMILITY is a by-product of LOVE.

*“I’ll tell you what it really means to worship the LORD. Remove the chains of prisoners who are chained unjustly. Free those who are abused! Share your food with everyone who is hungry; share your home with the poor and homeless. Give clothes to those in need; don’t turn away your relatives.”* Isaiah 58:6-7 (CEV)

*“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27*

*\* God created you in His own image—you resemble Him (Genesis 1:26-27)*

*\* God knit you together and invested Himself in your formation (Psalm 139:13)*

*\* God became a human and died on a cross to rescue you (Romans 5:8).*

*\* God loves you (John 3:16).*

*\* God grants His Holy Spirit to dwell in you, to guide you, and strengthen you (John 14:26; 16:13).*

*\* You are an “image-bearer” and an ambassador (2 Corinthians 2:18; 5:20).*

*\* You are God’s masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10).*

*\* The all-powerful, all-knowing, and timeless Creator of the universe, God, has infused your being with His own Spirit and wishes to operate through you to accomplish His will at your invitation.*

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**Chutzpah – “supreme self-confidence, boldness”**

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*“If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest... Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:28,29 (CEV, NLT)*

*"This is what the Lord requires from you. That you do what is right, to love mercy and you live humbly with your God." Micah 6:8*

*“For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name. And so, in honor of the name of Jesus all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, and all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 (GNT)*