

# SERMON OUTLINE

## THE DESTRUCTIVE TRAP OF PRIDE (PART 2)

DANIEL 4:28-37

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### False Humility vs. True Humility vs. Pride Chart

False Humility: thinking poorly of oneself	True Humility: correct view of oneself	Pride: an inflated view of oneself
Self-defeating	Self-forgetfulness	Self-conceited
Struggles to receive a compliment	Praises God for affirmation and receives it	Needs affirmation
Excessively modest	Balanced view of self	Boasting and excessive display of self
Self-focused on inadequacies	Self-giving and self-sacrificial	Self-centered and self-seeking
People-pleaser	Other-focused and ready to put aside personal preferences	Selfish ambition at the expense of others
Timid and insecure	Selfless and servant-hearted	Over-bearing and overly assertive
Fearful of correction	Teachable	Unteachable and refuses to receive correction

### THREE QUALITIES OF TRUE HUMILITY

#### 1. A humble heart submits to God's mighty hand: vs. 28-33

- “We humans are not the drivers of our own humility. Our God designs the humbling way in which he forges the virtue of humility. He takes the initiative. He acts first. Our humility happens on His terms. He sees. He knows. He moves with sovereign, omnipotent, meticulous care. He is the one who humbles us with his mighty hand, and when His humbling hand descends and we’re cut to our knees or flat on the ground, then the question comes to us: Will you humble yourself and embrace God’s humbling hand, or will you try to fight back? Will you receive His humbling providences, or attempt to explain them away? Will you soften to Him in humility, or harden with pride? True self-humbling is not our initiative, but it does require our doing as we learn to welcome the uncomfortable work of God.” – David Mathis, *Humbled: Welcoming the Uncomfortable Work of God*

- “<sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.” – Heb. 12:16-17
- “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.” – 1 Peter 5:6

## 2. A humble heart acknowledges their need for God: vs. 34

- “Humility is the only soil in which the graces root; humility is not so much a grace or virtue along with others; it is the root of all, because it alone takes the right attitude before God, and allows Him as God to do all. Humility is simply the disposition which prepares the soul for living on trust. It is the place of entire dependence on God, the displacement of self by the enthronement of God.” – Andrew Murray

## 3. A humble heart is enthralled with the greatness of God: vs. 34b-37

- “True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself. The freedom of self-forgetfulness. The blessed rest that only self-forgetfulness brings...A truly gospel-humble person is not a self-hating person or a self-loving person, but a gospel-humble person. The essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less.” – Tim Keller

**Benediction:** <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” – Philippians 2:3-11