

“In Humility”
Wrapped Up – Part 2
Philippians 2:3-11
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“. . . All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.” 1 Peter 5:5-6 (NIV)

❖ **Be Wrapped Up In Humility This Christmas By . . .**

1. FIGHTING AGAINST YOUR PRIDE.

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4 (NKJV)

1	I enjoy being the center of attention.	Y	N
2	I think I deserve the best.	Y	N
3	Much of my conversation is filled with “I”.	Y	N
4	I find it difficult to admit that I’m wrong.	Y	N
5	I seldom pass a mirror without looking at myself.	Y	N
6	I’m stubborn-I don’t like to be corrected or change!	Y	N
7	My feelings are easily hurt.	Y	N
8	I am impatient with other people’s mistakes.	Y	N
9	I don’t get enough appreciation for all that I do.	Y	N
10	I’m offended if I render a service and don’t receive a “thank you”.	Y	N
11	I seldom ask for help, because I can do the job better myself.	Y	N
12	I feel pretty good that I didn’t check “yes” to every question.	Y	N

❖ **3 Big Problems With Pride:**

➤ **Pride produces conflict.**

“Pride leads to conflict . . .” Proverbs 13:10a (NLT)

➤ **Pride leads to ruin.**

“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

“Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” Proverbs 11:2 (NLT)

➤ **Pride provokes God.**

“But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’” James 4:6 (NKJV)

2. FOLLOWING AFTER YOUR EXAMPLE.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Philippians 2:5-8 (NKJV)

- **Step Down #1: God came to earth.**

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation. . ."

Colossians 1:15a (NLT)

- **Step Down #2: God became a man.**

- **Step Down #3: Jesus came to die.**

". . . looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

". . . who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

"For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Matthew 23:12 (NIV)