

Luke 18:10-14 (NKJV) "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. {14} "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be abased, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

I Pride is a deceptive enemy

- **Jeremiah 17:9-10** (NKJV) "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it? {10} I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

II Humility and Pride have serious consequences

- **Proverbs 16:18** (NKJV) Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- **Proverbs 3:33-34** (NKJV) The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the habitation of the just. {34} Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.
- **Proverbs 11:2** (NKJV) When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.
- **Proverbs 29:23** (NKJV) A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.
- **James 4:6-10** (NKJV) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." {7} Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. {8} Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. {9} Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. {10} Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.
- **1 Peter 5:5-6** (NKJV) Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." {6} Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

III The call to give up all

- **Romans 12** (NKJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. {2} And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. {3} For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.
- {4} For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, {5} so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. {6} Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; {7} or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; {8} he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
- {9} Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. {10} Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; {11} not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; {12} rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; {13} distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

- . {14} Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. {15} Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. {16} Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. {17} Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.
- . {18} If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. {19} Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. {20} "Therefore if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." {21} Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Philippians 2:5-11 (RSV) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, {6} who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, {7} but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. {8} And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. {9} Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, {10} that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, {11} and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.