



The Wisdom of Humility – Prov. 3:7-8

During these challenging days – navigating between the invitation of Spring to life and the restrictions of a pandemic – we have nonetheless been mining for the treasures of wisdom in Proverbs 3. So far, these gems:

Teaching Truth

3:1-2 My son, do not forget my teaching
but let your heart keep my commandments
for length of days and years of life, and peace, they will add to you

Because the stakes are high, both
parents and sons/daughters must fully appreciate
the value of what handing off and accepting wisdom.

3:3-4 Do not let steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you
Bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart
So then you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and of men

Nothing can reward your life as a from-the-core
expressing of God's relentless love and reliability

3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lead on your own understanding
In all your ways acknowledge Him
And He will make straight your paths

The greater my active dependence on the LORD
The clearer my path to the best

3:7-8 Be not wise in your own eyes. Fear the Lord. Turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh, and refreshment to your bones.

Humility is your healthiest choice

OVERVIEW – What's your key "take away" from this week's teaching? _____

Let's get STARTED -- talk in your group about PRIDE. Describe it. Illustrate it. Where do we see it? Is there anything good about it? Is it in sinful? Always? What other things usually are displayed by someone with a pride problem?

To sum, have each finish this sentence. *The problem with pride is* _____.

Let's Explore in the WORD What contrasting wisdom does God offer about pride vs. humility? Read each passage (and if helpful, the context) and then describe in ONE WORD...

The problems that accompany PRIDE

Psalms 10:4 _____

Psalms 59:12 _____

Proverbs 16:18 _____

Isaiah 2:11,17 _____

Obadiah 1:3 _____

Mark 7:21-23 _____

1 John 2:16 _____

The advantages HUMILITY offers

2 Samuel 22:27-29 _____
(cf. vss.1-2)

Psalms 25:9 _____

Psalms 149:4 _____

Isaiah 66:2 _____

Zephaniah 2:3 _____

Matthew 18:3-5 _____

1 Peter 3:8 _____

DISCUSS: Having surveyed these Scriptures, **which passage landed in your heart with a bit more weight than the others?** Explain why.

Let's Prioritize APPLICATION

Some personal inventory. HUMILITY (we have said) is my healthiest choice. Is there anything in your life that needs a pride-assessment and a subsequent humility-correction? Take a few moments to think this through quietly, and then share with this group what the Spirit is saying to you? Do you sense this is a "becoming like Jesus" step? What Holy Spirit help do you need here?

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