

There is power associated with anything that is rare. Gold is a good example of this power due to rarity. Humility is rarer still—humility is powerful. It's a trait Jesus wants us to exhibit as His disciples.

In spite of the Old Testament's emphasis on humility, pride was a defining characteristic of the Pharisees of Jesus' day. They were proud of their religious achievements and status. Pride motivated them to love the place of honor at banquets, the best seats in the synagogues, respectful greetings in the marketplace and being called Rabbi.

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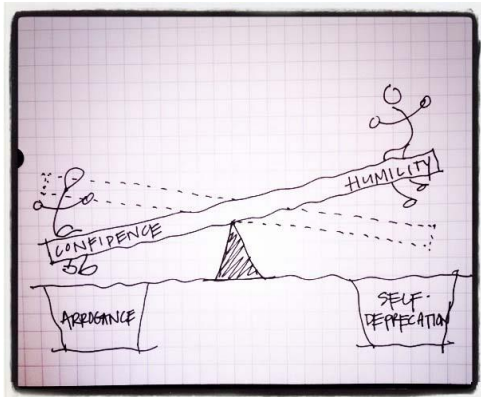
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## Personal Application and Group Interaction:

1. Describe the qualities of a humble person.  
***Restrained from offending others***
2. What actions or attitudes do you have that may keep an unbeliever at arm's length?  
***Ready to forgive***
3. Why do you imagine it is so hard for most people to confront someone of their sin?
4. What steps should a Believer take to make forgiving someone endlessly easier, especially if it is for the same sin?  
***Marked by a recognition of weakness***
5. Why is it vital that we recognize our weaknesses and to trust God provide? What is our responsibility to grow our faith?  
***Characterized by rejection of honor***
6. Describe the evidences of God's grace in your life.



Some believe that humility needs to be balanced with confidence. Compare this sketch with Jesus' perspective on humility.



Luke 17:1-10

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