

So Long Inferiority

You've Come A Long Way, Baby

Women's Lib, television sitcoms and marketing campaigns have all tried to tell us certain messages about women's roles. In your opinion, what did they want us to think about:

Smoking _____
Drinking _____
Careers _____
Sex _____
Marriage _____
Adultery _____
Single Life _____
Men _____
Divorce _____
Single Life _____
Children _____
Parenting _____
Self-gratification _____
Being a Homemaker _____
Homosexuality _____
Living Together _____

Bible Verses On Selflessness, Humility, Servant-hood, Serving Others

- ◇ 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, *humble* themselves, and *pray* and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then *I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin* and heal their land."
- ◇ Mark 10:44-45 ESV "And whoever would be first among you, must be a *slave of all*. For even the Son of Man came, *not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life* as a ransom for many."
- ◇ Matthew 23:11 ESV "The greatest among you shall be your *servant*."
- ◇ Psalms 25:9 "He leads the *humble* in what is right, and teaches the *humble* His way."
- ◇ 1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, you who are younger, *be subject to the elders*. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with *humility* toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the *humble*."
- ◇ Philippians 2:5-8 "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, *but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant*, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. "

- ◇ 1 Kings 21:29 (Ahab) "Have you seen how Ahab has *humbled* himself before me? Because he has *humbled* himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the disaster upon his house."
- ◇ Philippians 2:3 says "Don't be **selfish**; don't live to make a good impression on others (that is people pleasing). Be *humble*, thinking of others as *better than yourself*."
- ◇ Matthew 16:24 "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must *deny themselves* and take up their cross and follow me".
- ◇ **Apart from me** you can do **nothing**." John 15:5
- ◇ Isaiah 64:6 "**Apart** from God, 'All our righteous acts is as filthy rags.'

All sin stems from pride.

Proverbs 6:16-19

God lists seven things He hates—and one of those things is **pride**.

In Matthew 11:29, Jesus says, "Learn of me, for I am *humble*."

Bible Verses on Self-Respect

- ◇ "I will be a **Father to you**, and **you will be my sons and daughters**, "says the Lord Almighty!" 2 Corinthians 6:17-18
- ◇ "*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called **children of God!** And that is what we are!*" 1 John 3:1, NIV
- ◇ "Now if we are His children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and *co-heirs with Christ*, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." Romans 8:17, NIV
- ◇ "*You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!* It is amazing to think about. *Your workmanship is marvelous*—and how well I know it." Psalm 139:13-14 LB 13
- ◇ "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart....*" Jeremiah 1:5

Narcissistic Personality Characteristics are the *opposite* of humility. When the Bible refers to "fools, they often exhibit these characteristics:

- Believing that you're better than others
- Fantasizing about power, success and attractiveness (a fool flaunts his folly. Proverbs 13:16)
- Exaggerating your achievements or talents ("Boasters..have no standing in Your sight". Psalm 5:5).
- Expecting constant praise and admiration (Folly is loud; she is seductive and knows nothing.. Proverbs 9:13)

- Believing that you're special and acting accordingly (Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool.... Proverbs 28:26)
- Failing to recognize other people's emotions and feelings (...a fool is reckless and careless.. Proverbs 14:16)
- Expecting others to go along with your ideas and plans "the mouths of fools pour out folly. Proverbs 15:2)
- Taking advantage of others. (Proverbs 26:19..the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I am only joking.)
- Expressing disdain for those you feel are inferior
- Being jealous of others ("the companion of fools will suffer harm." Proverbs 13:20)
- Believing that others are jealous of you ("..Whoever utters slander is a fool". Proverbs 10:18)
- Trouble keeping healthy relationships (...A foolish man despises his mother." Proverbs 15:20 "Every fool will be quarreling Proverbs 20:3)
- Setting unrealistic goals
- Being easily hurt and rejected (A fool vents...but a wise man holds back." Proverbs 29:11)
- Having a fragile self-esteem
- Appearing as tough-minded or unemotional

"All our confidence is to be in Christ Jesus". Philippians 3:3

If I have given my heart to Jesus:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> He rejoices over <i>me</i> with gladness
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm anointed
<input type="checkbox"/> I am loved
<input type="checkbox"/> I am accepted
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm born again
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm His special child
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the apple of His eye
<input type="checkbox"/> I am priceless
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ lives in me | <input type="checkbox"/> I am bought with a price
<input type="checkbox"/> Christ died for me
<input type="checkbox"/> He created me
<input type="checkbox"/> He formed me and knew of me before I was born
<input type="checkbox"/> I am forgiven
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been clothed in glory and honor | <input type="checkbox"/> I have a future so bright
<input type="checkbox"/> I can't even <i>imagine</i> what the Lord hopes to do through me
<input type="checkbox"/> God says we more than conquerors. |
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But I recognize, I am NOTHING without HIM!