

HUMBLE YOURSELF TO GOD AND HE WILL LIFT YOU UP – 1Pet 5:6

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Reading: 1Pet 5:5-7

Be humble to one another with respect and honour. Help and care for each other.
God is resisting all proud people but He is helping and blessing all humble people.
So humble yourself to God and others and He will help you and lift you up.

Example: Lk 18:9-14

God refused the proud Pharisee who was trusting in his own righteousness and despised the tax collector. **God received and blessed the tax collector** who confessed his sins and humbled himself. (Preach it. Act it out. Give it Life.)

Every step forward with God starts with a step of humility, *Mic 6:8, 2Chron 7:14, Is 66:1,2, 1Pet 5:6, Jam 4:10, Mat 18:1-4.*

Jesus Christ is our example, *Phil 2:5-8, He humbled Himself more than anyone else ever has.* He laid aside His equality with God in His Throne, made Himself of no reputation, came to earth as a man and humbled Himself to the death of the Cross to become our Saviour and Lord. Thank God He did, *Jn 13:4-14, Mat 20:28.*

Jesus said that we are to **humble ourselves as a little child,** or we will not enter into His Kingdom, *Mat 18:1-4.*

On the Day of Pentecost, as Peter was preaching, 3000 men and women, young people, boys and girls, **humbled themselves to God and His Word.** and were saved from eternal hell, *Ac 2:36-39,41.* This was 50days after Jesus' death on the Cross where He died for our sins, *1Pet 3:18.*

We have to humble ourselves to get saved by confessing and forsaking our sins and believing in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord, *Ac 16:31.*

We are humbling ourselves to God and His Word, **when we forgive others their sins against us,** *Mk 11:25,26.*

So forgive others now, for their sins against you. **Release them** from your judgment, **and hand the problem over** to God to sort out. **Pray for God's blessing** on those who have hurt you, as in *Ac 26:18.*

We are humbling ourselves **when we admit our faults, sins and wrong doings** to God and others, *1Jn 1:9, Pro 28:13, Jam 5:16.* So say. "Sorry, I shouldn't have done that, please forgive me," when you sin against someone else.

Every step forward in God is by a step of humbling ourselves to Him, *Jam 4:10.*

Where did pride come from anyway?

Read *Is 14:12-15*. Before the angel Lucifer, (Day Star), became satan and the devil, he sinned against God by pride, seeking to lift himself up to equality with God. For this reason God cast him out of His presence and from around His Throne, *Ezek 28:12-16*.

So we are humbling ourselves to God when we:

- a. give a tithe(1/10), of our income to God, *Mal 3:10*.
- b. fast and pray to God, *Mat 6:5,16*.
- c. are baptised in water, *Ac 2:38*.
- d. read and obey God's Word, *Lk 11:28*.
- e. tell other people about Jesus, *Mat 10:32*.
- f. care for needy people around us, *Jam 1:27*.
- g. visit the prison to see a friend who has gone astray, *Mat 25:36*.

Note: Always use personal examples and stories all the way through.