HE ALSO TOLD THIS PARABLE TO SOME WHO TRUSTED IN THEMSELVES THAT THEY WERE RIGHTEOUS, AND TREATED OTHERS WITH LIKE OTHER MEN, EXTORTIONERS, UNJUST, LUKE 18:9-14 ESV

CONTEMPT: "TWO MEN WENT UP INTO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY, ONE A PHARISEE AND THE OTHER A TAX COLLECTOR. THE PHARISEE, STANDING BY HIMSELF, PRAYED THUS: 'GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I AM NOT

ADULTERERS, OR EVEN LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR. I FAST TWICE A WEEK; I GIVE TITHES OF ALL THAT I GET.' BUT THE TAX COLLECTOR, STANDING FAR OFF, WOULD NOT EVEN LIFT UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN, BUT BEAT HIS BREAST, SAYING, 'GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER!' I TELL YOU, THIS MAN WENT DOWN TO HIS HOUSE JUSTIFIED, RATHER THAN THE OTHER. FOR EVERYONE WHO EXALTS

LUKE 18:9-14 ESV

HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLED, BUT THE ONE WHO HUMBLES HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED."

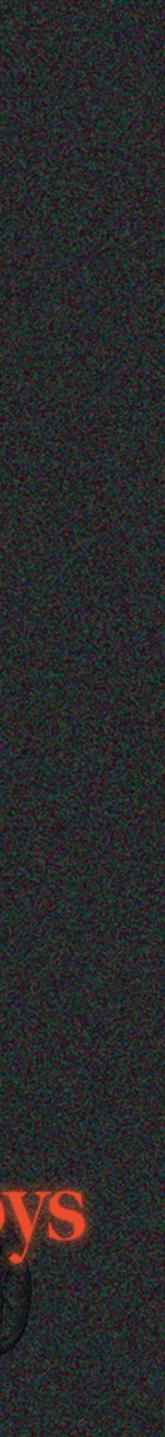
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PRIDE AN ATTITUDE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY, SELF-IMPORTANCE, AND SELF-PROMOTION















SYMPTOMS OF PRIDE



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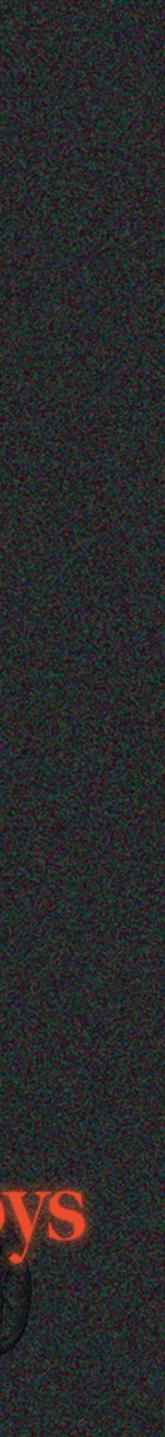


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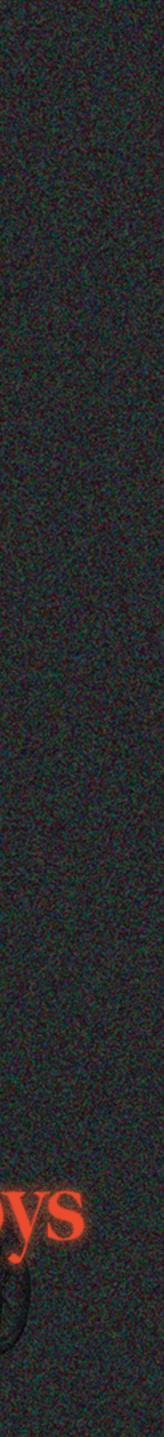






PRIDE KILLS OUR CAPACITY FOR **GRATITUDE**





DO NOTHING FROM SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY COUNT OTHERS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN YOURSELVES. LET EACH OF YOU LOOK NOT ONLY TO HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. HAVE THIS MIND AMONG YOURSELVES, WHICH IS YOURS IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO, THOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID PHILPPIANS 2:3-8



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.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8





HUMILITY IS NOT JUST DOING A LOWLY TASK; HUMILITY IS A LIFE COMMITTED TO THE HARD TASK OF LOWERING ONE'S DEFENSES. THE MOST HUMBLE PEOPLE ARE OFTEN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LEAST DEFENSIVE. IN JESUS WE ARE INVITED INTO A LIFE OF LOWERING OUR DEFENSES AND CULTIVATING HUMILITY.

RICH VILLODAS



