

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

James 4:10

The Way Up is Down

Have you ever heard someone say, “Nobody is going to tell me what to do!”? Maybe you have even said it yourself. The Apostle James is very clear to point out that fights and even wars are a result of people wanting their own way (James 4:1). Most of us want to win an argument and will go to great lengths to prove that we are right, all the while hurting the very ones who are the closest to us. But someone has wisely said, “Sometimes it’s more important to be kind than to be right.”

The wise King Solomon once said, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). We can see a great example of this in the book of Esther. Haman, who held a lofty position in the palace at Shushan, felt that he wasn’t getting the respect he deserved from Mordecai the Jew who stood outside the gate, so he devised a plan to destroy him in a very public way. But Mordecai had favor with God and with the king and God protected him. Haman didn’t realize that his own pride and arrogance would doom him to die in exactly the way he had planned to kill Mordecai. You see, James put it like this, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble,” (James 4:6).

Of course, our best example of humility, was Jesus. “But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant...he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross,” (Philippians 2:6-7). Just imagine, if the King of Kings could show that much humility, we might need to follow His example and live with more humility in our everyday life.

Family Prayer: *Jesus, thank You for the example You gave me. Help me to not always put myself first, but to think of others. Help me to stop before I speak and see if pride is in my heart. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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Gather scrapbooking supplies and plenty of candid photos of your family members. Create a fun collage that demonstrates how important each individual is to the whole family.

Let's talk

Take a look at Philippians 2:3. What does it mean to have "lowliness of mind" and to esteem others more than yourself? What are some phrases you hear in everyday conversation that demonstrate the opposite (pride).

This week try to be conscious of whether your attitude reflects the humility of Christ or the pride of the world. Make an effort to put others first.



Additional Challenges

The Bible has plenty to say about humility. Check out some of these verses:

2 Chronicles 7:14 “If my people, which are called by my name, shall _____ themselves, and _____, and _____, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” *It begins with humility!*

Psalms 10:17 “Lord, thou hast heard the _____ of the _____: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:”

Proverbs 16:19 “Better it is to be of an _____ with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the _____.”

Isaiah 57:15 “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is _____; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a _____ and _____, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

Matthew 18:4 “Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this _____, the same is _____ in the kingdom of heaven.”

And one final thought...

1 Peter 5:5-6 “Likewise, ye younger, _____ yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be _____ one to another, and be clothed with _____: for God resisteth the _____, and giveth grace to the _____. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may _____ you in due time:”

*This world may tell you to put yourself first, but if you put God and others first,
God will exalt you at the right time!*

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