

No Limits With God – 6 “God Resists the Proud”

James 4:4-10 (KJV)

I Peter 5:2-7 (KJV)

- Pride is the enemy of grace.
 - Humility is the friend of grace.
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GRACE ? Unmerited favor ??

There is an unmerited favor aspect to grace.

*Scriptures declare there is something we can do to receive more grace.

(James 4 / I Peter 5)

GRACE = II Corinthians 12:9-10

- God’s power in human weakness
 - God’s power to be and do
 - Ephesians 2:8 By grace (God’s power) we are saved
 - John 1:12 to as many as receive Him, gave He power (grace) to become the sons of God...
 - Acts 4:33 great power / great grace
 - I Corinthians 15:10 grace to be (apostle) and grace to do
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GRACE IS IN JESUS

- John 1:14 full of grace and truth
- II Timothy 2:1 be strong in grace that is in Jesus
- II Peter 1:2 grace and peace multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Grace is a Person, NOT simply a theology.

[Three Common Things Found in James 4 / I Peter 5]

Pride / Humility / Promotion

1. Pride = the enemy of grace

- Self-centered (there are two ugly forms)
 - a) Arrogance – (better, smarter, holier than God or others)
 - b) False humility – (lesser, dumber, most unholy)
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PRIDE = self-centered

- Disagrees with God and His Word
 - Resists God and yields to Satan
 - Independent of God – “I don’t need God...”
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2. HUMILITY – the friend of grace

- God-centered (Christ-centered)
 - Agrees with God and His Word
 - Submits to God and resists the devil
 - Total dependency on God
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John 15:5 (KJV)

“..... without Me, ye can do nothing.”

Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

“... can do all things through Christ.”

- Humility recognizes our human weakness, while celebrating God’s power (grace) in them. II Corinthians 12:9-10
 - Humility is not beating yourself up or down, but rather lifting Christ up and the finished work of the Cross.
 - Humility doesn’t ignore what I’m NOT, independent of God, but focuses on who I am in God (in Christ).
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Humility = dependency (trust in, relies on and yields to God)
= submission to God and His Word

Deuteronomy 8:1-4 (Israel and submission)
Luke 2:51-52 (Jesus and submission)
Matthew 8:5-13 (submission to each other)
James 4:7 (submit to God....)

3. Promotion – God working in and through us

James 4:10 (KJV)

I Peter 5:5-6 (KJV)

Proverbs 4:7-9 (KJV)