Pride vs. Humility

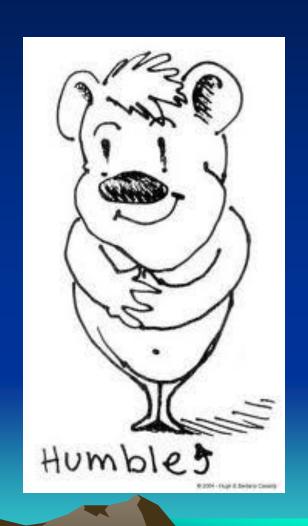


Philippians 2:3-5

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus..."

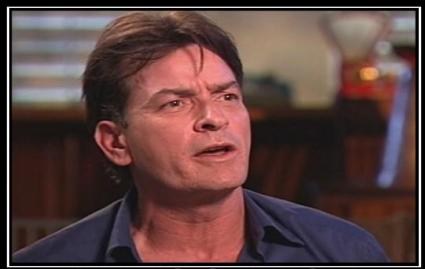
Proud Dude & Humble Dude





PROUD DUDE

- Only likes to look at himself
- Is only concerned about himself
- Will occasionally notice others...but only to point out their mistakes, weaknesses, and failures.



ARROGANCE

A strange disease that makes everybody sick, except for the person actually afflicted with it

Humble Dude

• Humble Dude sees God first and then others. He knows that people matter to God, so he treats them with dignity, worth, and respect.







Proud Dude constantly brags about himself. He's always telling us about his good grades, his 4 soccer goals, how he is the most popular student and so very cute. He complains about other people and talks about them behind their backs.





Humble Dude is often talking about how awesome God is. He is also known to brag about others. Like, "Did you see her art project? It's amazing! I can't believe that girl can draw like that. What a gift!" Humble Dude uses his words to encourage everyone!





HUMBLE PEOPLE

Compare themselves with others and feel worthy of respect and honor.

Compare themselves with the holiness of God and feel a desperate need for His mercy

HUMBLE PEOPLE

Have a hard time saying, "I was wrong; will you please forgive me?"

Are quick to admit their failure and to seek forgiveness when necessary.

HUMBLE PEOPLE

Become bitter and resentful when they are wronged; they try to hold others hostage with their unforgiveness (which is actually impossible); they carry grudges and keep a record of wrongs.

Give thanks in all things; they are quick to forgive because they realize how much God has forgiven them; they let go of grudges and are set free from the poison of unforgiveness and bitterness.

HUMBLE PEOPLE

Are especially prone to criticize those in positions of authority — their pastor, their boss, their parents — and they talk to others about the faults they see.

Reverence, encourage, and lift up those that God has placed in positions of authority, and they talk to God in intercession, rather than gossiping about the faults they see in others.

HUMBLE PEOPLE

Claim rights and have a demanding spirit.

Yield their rights and have a meek spirit.

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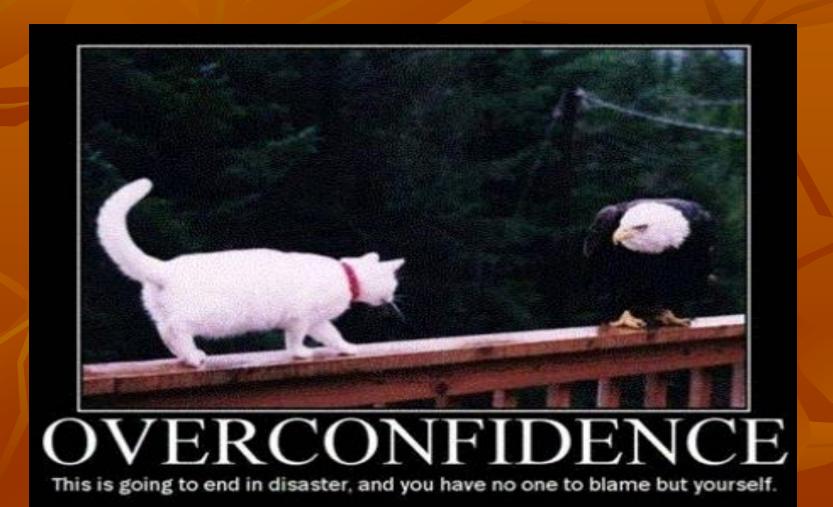
Desire to be served they want life to revolve around them and their own needs. Are motivated to serve others and to be sure others' needs are met before their own.

HUMBLE PEOPLE

Like to talk about themselves and rarely show an interest in other people; rarely ask personal questions of others that would show that they are genuinely interested in their life. Make it a point to show a genuine interest in other people by asking them questions about their life and their interests.

Genuinely listen when others are talking.

Proud Dude hates to be told what to do. He doesn't like to hear that he is wrong about anything, so he starts fights when he is corrected.



Humble Dude realizes that sometimes he makes mistakes, so he hears people out and he apologizes for sin. (Proverbs 13:10)











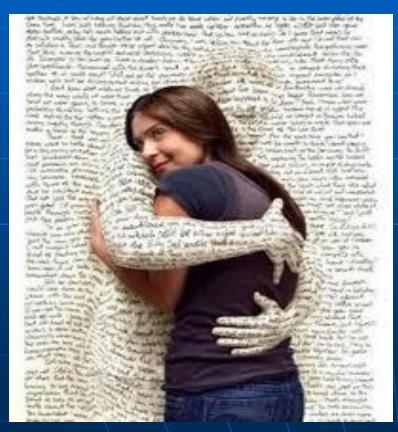
Proud Dude is always causing fights because he never gets what he wants.

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. (James 4:1-2)



Humble Dude honors other people above himself and is peaceable and considerate. He makes people happy.

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone. (Titus 3:1-2)





Proud Dude often stomps his feet. He demands his own way. He thinks he deserves to be served.









In contrast, Humble Dude is always walking towards needs. He helps people without being asked.





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God made us a family. We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another. We work together. We play together. We worship together. Together we use God's word. Together we grow in Christ. Together we love all people. Together we serve our God. Together we hope for heaven. These are our hopes and ideals. Help us to attain them, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Do you think that Proud Dude gets along with anyone?



What about Humble Dude?







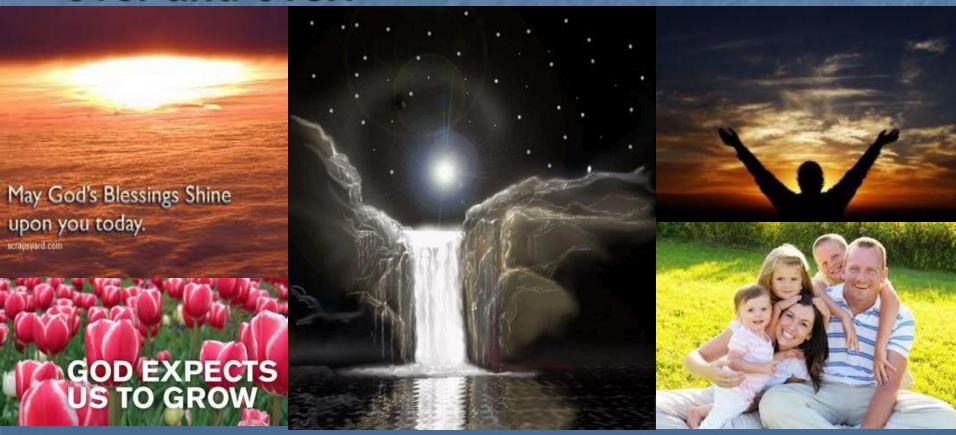




What might God think of each of them?

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God resists the proud but shows grace to the humble."(1Peter 5:5)

God detests pride. Proud Dude is foolish. However, in Proverbs 22:4, it says, "Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life." Humble Dude just keeps getting blessed by God over and over!



So, the question is this: Who wins the fight of life in the end...Proud Dude or Humble Dude?

