

## **Soldiers For God Ministries**

## The "Man of God" Course: Week 5

Now that we have covered the basics of what being a Man of God in the Christian household and personal life is like, we now turn to what a Man of God in ministry clings to and what he flees from.

In the fifth week of our study, we focused on the importance of the Man of God staying away from God's glory, meaning walking in humility before God. There is a real need for humility in the church and in the life of a man of God. Next to love, humility is one of the most noticeable characteristics we see and understand in the life of Christ. Therefore it is extremely important to realize the importance of growing in humility. People usually think of growing as growing upward, but when it comes to growing in humility, it is growing downward. We see this in Jesus, lowering himself more and more before being exalted to the highest place of honor at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Bible says in Philippians chapter two "Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:6-11 NLT

A very key word in verse 9 is the word "therefore," meaning— because of everything he said prior—Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and has given Him the name above every name. Without the shadow of a doubt, Jesus has always belonged in the place of highest honor and glory, but the way for Him to be in His rightful place was through humility. This shows us that whoever will be greatest must become the lowest; this is true even for us men of God. If we grow down into humility, He will lift us to the proper place we belong. Take a lesson from great trees of the forest; before they grow upward, they first grow downward. The end result is that the tree can support its own height and weight without falling. If a man grows up in position without growing down in humility, it's only a matter of time before he falls.



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10.) Pride points to self, humility points to God. Reading Isaiah 6:1-3. If the man of God would put pride to death in his life, what then would be seen in his life?  Write your answer(s)
9.) Romans chapter 12:16 says "associate with the humble." What does this mean? Write your answer(s)
8) Fill in the blank: spiritual pride caused which angelic being to be cast out of heaven?
7.) According to Philippians 1:15-18, would God still use someone who is filled with pride and bad motives? (A) No, God won't. (B) Yes, He can, but there will be consequences.
6,) Why does God allow a fall when His people are prideful? (A) God disciplines those He loves (B) To show them they still need God (C) To cause them to have sober minds ( level heads ) D) All these things
5.) 1 Peter 5:8 explains that we should be on high alert because the enemy is always lookin to devour the people of God. In your own words, explain how you yourself can be on guard against pride and other attacks of the enemy?  Write your answer(s)
4.) 1 Peter 5:5 says God opposes the proud What is the Greek word for "opposes" and what does it mean? (Two-part question.)  Write your answer(s)
<ul><li>3.) After pride comes a?</li><li>(A) Distance from church (B) Loose living (C) Fall (D) Evil motives</li></ul>
2.) TRUE OR FALSE: All people deal with pride in some way. TRUE FALSE
1.) There are three major categories of sin. What are the three categories? & what New Testament scripture talks about them? (This is a two-part question.)  Write your answer(s)

**Bonus question** 

YES OR NO: Pride is contagious and your example matters. With the help of God, in your life and ministry, are you willing to exemplify the humility of Jesus Christ?
YES NO