

Mr. Humility

The past decade has revealed a parade of men and women displaying conceit beyond measure. We have heard the speeches, “I am the greatest” and “...in all humility” ...blah, blah, blah!

We are witnessing conceit via the television set as we see the “electric church” and its “televangelists” with some of its leaders claiming great success because the local church has supposedly failed. But has it? Much of what we have seen on TV can be called the greatest show on earth, a lot of entertainment, and in many instances, a closed Bible. What impresses you? Note in our study of the Book of Proverbs, just a few verses on the word HUMILITY in them, as we make our running comments on the same:

1. Prov. 15:33 - “*The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility.*”
 - One trusting in Christ as Savior attains real wisdom, and yielding to the Lord in voluntary submission to the Lord in voluntary submission as a believer leads to heavenly honor.
2. Prov. 16:19 - “*Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.*”
 - Better to be numbered with God’s people, the “minority group,” through receiving Christ as Savior than to be numbered with the majority traveling the BROAD WAY TO DESTRUCTION.
3. Prov. 18:12 - “*Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility.*”
 - May of the unsaved move about with a careless and oftentimes reckless attitude as to the existence of God, His Word, and the Future. Recognition by God comes through humbling of self and calling on HIM for salvation.

SOME DEFINITIONS OF CONCEIT:

“*Conceit is near to insanity.*” --Jerrold

“*Wind puffs up empty bladders.*” --Socrates

“*No man was ever so much deceived by another as by himself.*” --Greville

“*The weakest spot in every man is where he thinks himself to be the wisest.*” --Emmons

“*Conceit may puff a man up, but can never prop him up.*” --Ruskin

GOD’S ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM

“*Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him.*”

--Proverbs 26:12

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