

February 17 | Sunday

Lessons for a Better Life: Humility

Read [Luke 18:9-14](#)



18 | Mon – Even in the church? | Read [Luke 18:9-14](#)

In current culture, humility is not a highly prized quality. Self-promotion is touted as the way to get ahead in life and pride has even found its way into the church. It was not much different in Jesus' day, as you can see from the story he told. Although you may think of yourself as a humble person, have you noticed pride trying to creep in? Are you often offended by the sins of others but ignore or minimize your own? What is the antidote?

19 | Tue – It isn't over til it's over | Read [Numbers 12:30](#) / [Hebrews 11:24-26](#)

Moses' story is one of the most fascinating in the Bible. His first 40 years were spent in the palace, a grandson of the most powerful ruler in the world. Was it pride that caused him to take matters into his own hands when trying to right a wrong? After 40 years in hiding as a shepherd, Moses did not believe God could use him again. Yet through his obedience, Moses became a leader who changed history. After his death, see what he was most known for. How do *you* want people to remember you when you are gone?

20 | Wed – Would you vote for this man? | Read [Daniel 6:1-5](#) / [9:20-23](#) / [10:12](#)

Power can corrupt even the most dedicated public servant. Daniel is one of the few people in the Bible who was consistently faithful. His humility allowed God to use him in a high political position under four different administrations. What was his secret? A clue is found in these verses above. What keeps you humble when you find yourself in a position of influence?

21 | Thu – Admitting wrong attitudes | Read [Acts 23:1-5](#)

Paul was a highly educated Jew and part of the elite group of religious leaders known as the Pharisees. (Today the word *Pharisee* describes a legalistic, uncaring religious person who condemns others while not living a holy life themselves behind closed doors). In this story, Paul is now a follower of Jesus and being questioned by the religious court. Read how Paul's humility allowed him to apologize for his disrespect of an elder. Why is it important to maintain an attitude of humility even when you are right?

22 | Fri – Difficult times | Read [Deuteronomy 8:2-3](#), [12-16](#)

Do you ever wonder by God allows difficult things in your life? God's words in Deuteronomy were directed to the Jewish people but is there a principle that might apply to your life? How have challenging experiences in the past affected you? Do you find yourself less judgemental, more compassionate toward others as a result? How can you navigate future difficulties in a way that honors God and helps you grow?

23 | Sat – Reverse | Read [Matthew 23:11-12](#)

In God's way of living, some things work the exact opposite of what you would expect. Like *'the first shall be last and the last shall be first'* or *'when you are weak, then you are strong.'* Jesus' words in Matthew reveal the results of humility versus self-promotion. The harder a person tries to become important, the less successful they will be in the end. Have you seen this happen to you or someone you know? How can you reverse it?