

November 17 | Sunday

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning...Win a Trophy

Read [Matthew 5:5](#)



18 | Mon – A rare quality | Read [Matthew 5:5](#)

In this verse from the well-known Sermon on the Mount, a Greek word is often translated as meek, which is sometimes equated with weakness. It is not. To be *meek* denotes humility and gentleness rooted in strength. It is a virtue born of character. Do you know someone who exhibits this kind of humility? How does this quality connect to God's promise of being blessed and inheriting the earth?

19 | Tue – Who me? | Read [Romans 12:3](#) / [Philippians 2:3-4](#)

Do you consider yourself a humble person? Max Lucado once wrote about humility: *at the very moment you think you have it...you don't*. Humble people spend little time thinking of themselves and are usually unaware of this quality in themselves. They are more often focused on God and others. How refreshing! What in your life tempts you to be prideful? How do you deal with the accolades or honors you might receive from others?

20 | Wed – Joining the selfie crowd...not. | Read [Proverbs 16:2, 5, 18, 25](#) / [James 4:6a](#)

Have you heard and chuckled at the lyrics of Mac Davis' song: *"It's Hard to be Humble When You're Perfect in Every Way"*? It goes on to say: *I can't wait to look in the mirror, 'cause I get better looking each day...Oh, Lord, it's hard to humble but I'm doing the best that I can."* Unfortunately, in a self-centered culture, there might be more truth than we care to admit. The scriptures show us how seriously God views pride. Which verse speaks to you?

21 | Thu – Protecting your pride | Read [Matthew 2:1-16](#) and [23:12](#)

The wise men and King Herod are mentioned in the same chapter but they exhibit completely opposite character. The wise men were knowledgeable, wealthy and highly esteemed in their country but they were humble enough to bow before the Messiah. On the other hand, Herod was so filled with pride in his powerful position, he killed to protect his throne. What lengths have you seen others go to save their position or honor?

22 | Fri – God favors the humble | Read [Isaiah 66:2](#)

Humility is a fruit of the Spirit and comes with admitting your own limitations. When you humble yourself, God will teach you, guide you in what is right (Ps. 25:9), honor you, crown you with victory (Ps. 149:4-5) and lift you up (1 Peter 5:6). You grow in humility every time you appropriately put others first or refuse to take total credit for what God and others helped you to achieve. What have you done recently to cultivate this quality?

23 | Sat – A place for the trophies | Read [Matthew 16:27](#) and [Revelation 4:10-11](#)

It is common for people to build a trophy case to display the awards they have won. While that isn't necessarily a bad thing, what significance will those trophies have once life is over? Jesus promised there would be rewards in heaven for actions taken on earth. We are given a snapshot of that scene in the book of Revelation. What did the people of God do with the recognition they received? How can you give honor back to God while here on earth?