

¹WHAT CAUSES QUARRELS AND WHAT CAUSES FIGHTS AMONG YOU? IS IT NOT THIS, THAT YOUR PASSIONS ARE AT WAR WITHIN YOU? ²YOU DESIRE AND DO NOT HAVE, SO YOU MURDER. YOU COVET AND CANNOT OBTAIN, SO YOU FIGHT AND QUARREL. YOU DO NOT HAVE, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT ASK. ³YOU ASK AND DO NOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE YOU ASK WRONGLY, TO SPEND IT ON YOUR PASSIONS. ⁴YOU ADULTEROUS PEOPLE! DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD IS ENMITY WITH GOD? THEREFORE WHOEVER WISHES TO BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD MAKES HIMSELF AN ENEMY OF GOD.

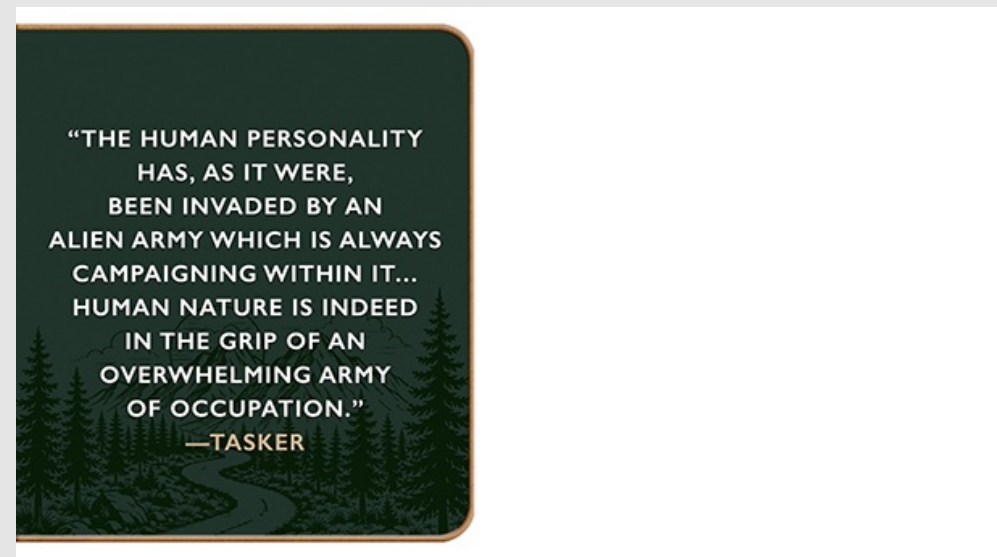
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⁵OR DO YOU SUPPOSE IT IS TO NO PURPOSE THAT THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "HE YEARNs JEALOUSLY OVER THE SPIRIT THAT HE HAS MADE TO DWELL IN US"? ⁶BUT HE GIVES MORE GRACE. THEREFORE IT SAYS, "GOD OPPOSES THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." ⁷SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU. ⁸DRAW NEAR TO GOD, AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU. CLEANSE YOUR HANDS, YOU SINNERS, AND PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, YOU DOUBLE-MINDED. ⁹BE WRETCHED AND MOURN AND WEEP. LET YOUR LAUGHTER BE TURNED TO MOURNING AND YOUR JOY TO GLOOM. ¹⁰HUMBLE YOURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD, AND HE WILL EXALT YOU. —JAMES 4:1-10

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"WE ARE ALL PROMPTED
BY THE SAME MOTIVES,
ALL DECEIVED BY THE
SAME FALLACIES,
ALL ANIMATED BY HOPE,
OBSTRUCTED BY DANGER,
ENTANGLED BY DESIRE, AND
SEDUCED BY PLEASURE."
—SAMUEL JOHNSON

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When I was just a little kid, I
used to pray for a bicycle.
Then as I grew older I learned
in Sunday school, that's not
how prayer works.
So I stole a bike...and prayed
for forgiveness.

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 2. THE DISTRACTION?
THE WORLD AROUND US (JAMES 4:4-6)

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¹⁵DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD OR
THE THINGS IN THE WORLD.
IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD,
THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS
NOT IN HIM. ¹⁶FOR ALL THAT IS
IN THE WORLD—THE DESIRES
OF THE FLESH AND THE
DESIRES OF THE EYES AND
PRIDE OF LIFE—IS NOT FROM
THE FATHER BUT IS FROM THE
WORLD. ¹⁷AND THE WORLD IS
PASSING AWAY ALONG WITH
ITS DESIRES, BUT WHOEVER
DOES THE WILL OF GOD ABIDES
FOREVER. —1 JOHN 2:15-17

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“WHEN WE BECOME A FRIEND OF THE WORLD, WE TAKE OUR STAND IN DEFIANCE OF GOD. AND, GOD VIEWS IT AS AN ACT OF AN ENEMY, AN ACT OF ESPIONAGE AGAINST HIM. IT IS AS IF WE WERE CONDUCTING GUERRILLA WARFARE AGAINST THE LORD. WE ARE AIDING AND ABETTING THE ENEMY—THE SAME SIN COMMITTED BY JUDAS. WE ASK, ‘HOW COULD A MAN BE SO BLACK-HEARTED AS TO BETRAY JESUS WITH THE KISS OF BROTHERHOOD?’ WE ARE AGHAST AT THE MOST INFAMOUS DEED IN HUMAN HISTORY. BUT IS THAT DEED ANY MORE TREACHEROUS THAN FOR US TO NAME THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST BUT TO SERVE THE CAMP OF THE ENEMY?” —B.J. CHITWOOD

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“TO BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD IS TO VALUE THE APPROVAL OF AND CHERISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH PERSONS AND FORCES WHICH ARE EITHER INDIFFERENT TOWARD OR OPENLY HOSTILE TO GOD.”
—VAUGHN

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3. THE SOLUTION? THE KINGDOM WITHIN US (JAMES 4:7-10)

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¹⁹OR DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD? YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN, ²⁰FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE. SO GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY. —1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

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“WHAT IS PRIDE? IT IS THE SIN
OF ARROGATING TO SELF
THE CREDIT BELONGING
TO GOD ALONE, CHEATS HIM
OF THE HONOR DUE HIS
NAME... IT IS THE VERY SPIRIT
OF SECULARISM, THE LEADING
CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS
GOD-FORGETTING AGE
IN WHICH WE LIVE.”
—FRANK E. GAEBELEIN

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⁵EVERYONE WHO IS
ARROGANT IN HEART IS AN
ABOMINATION TO THE LORD;
BE ASSURED, HE WILL
NOT GO UNPUNISHED...
¹⁸PRIDE GOES BEFORE
DESTRUCTION,
AND A HAUGHTY SPIRIT
BEFORE A FALL.
—PROVERBS 16:5, 18

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“PRIDE IS HUMAN AMBITION DISPLACING
THE AUTHORITY OF GOD AND ASSERTING THE PLACE
OF GOD IN MY LIFE.”

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“IN EVERY STEP OF OUR CHRISTIAN GROWTH AND MATURITY,
AND THROUGHOUT EVERY ASPECT OF OUR CHRISTIAN
OBEDIENCE AND SERVICE, OUR GREATEST FOE IS PRIDE AND
OUR GREATEST ALLY IS HUMILITY.” —JOHN STOTT

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HUMBLE YOURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD,
AND HE WILL EXALT YOU.

—JAMES 4:10

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WHY HUMILITY MATTERS:

- HUMILITY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S SUPREMACY
(JAMES 4:7)

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"THE GRAND DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HUMAN BEING AND
A SUPREME BEING IS PRECISELY THIS: APART FROM GOD,
I CANNOT EXIST. APART FROM ME, GOD DOES EXIST.
GOD DOES NOT NEED ME IN ORDER FOR HIM TO BE;
I DO NEED GOD IN ORDER FOR ME TO BE. THIS IS THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WE CALL SELF-EXISTENT BEING
AND DEPENDENT BEING. WE ARE DEPENDENT. WE ARE FRAGILE.
WE CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT AIR, WATER AND FOOD.
NO HUMAN BEING HAS THE POWER OF BEING WITHIN HIMSELF.
WE ARE LIKE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM AND THEN WITHER AND
FADE. THIS IS HOW WE DIFFER FROM GOD. GOD DOES NOT
WITHER, GOD DOES NOT FADE. GOD IS NOT FRAGILE."

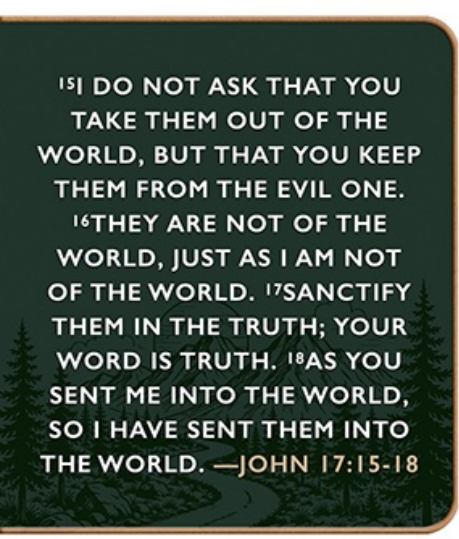
—R.C. SPROUL

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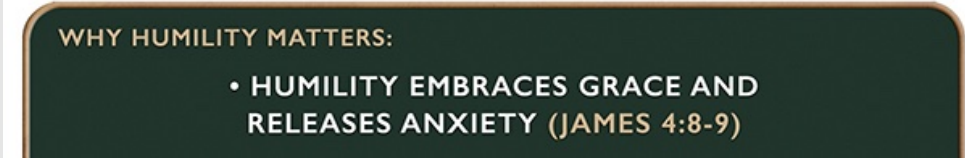
- HUMILITY ENABLES US TO OVERCOME THE ADVERSARY
(JAMES 4:7)

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¹⁵I DO NOT ASK THAT YOU
TAKE THEM OUT OF THE
WORLD, BUT THAT YOU KEEP
THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE.
¹⁶THEY ARE NOT OF THE
WORLD, JUST AS I AM NOT
OF THE WORLD. ¹⁷SANCTIFY
THEM IN THE TRUTH; YOUR
WORD IS TRUTH. ¹⁸AS YOU
SENT ME INTO THE WORLD,
SO I HAVE SENT THEM INTO
THE WORLD. —JOHN 17:15-18

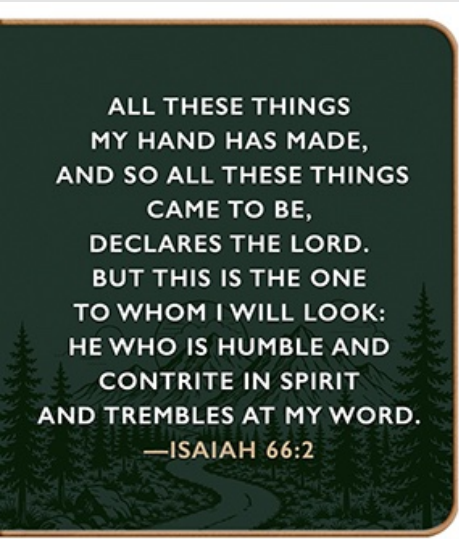
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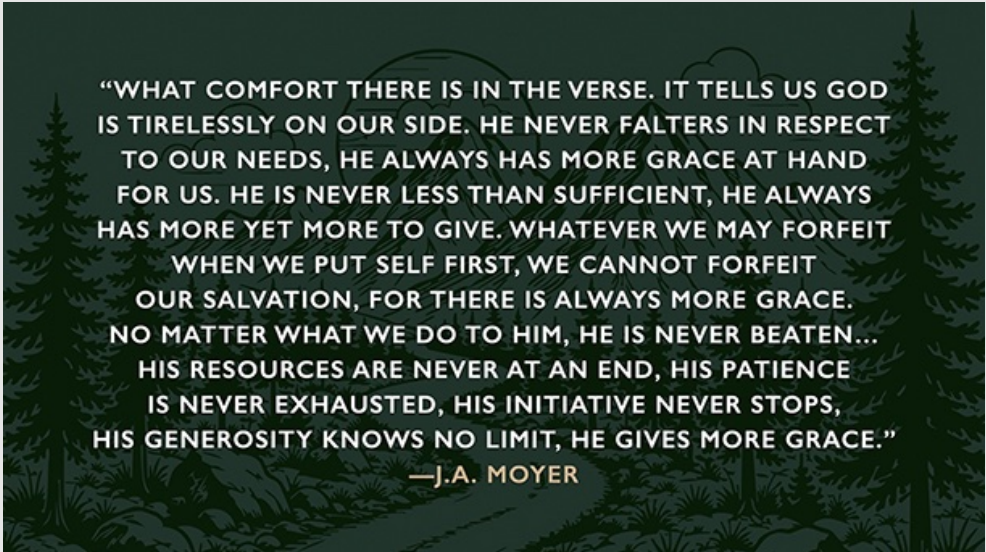
- HUMILITY EMBRACES GRACE AND
RELEASES ANXIETY (JAMES 4:8-9)

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ALL THESE THINGS
MY HAND HAS MADE,
AND SO ALL THESE THINGS
CAME TO BE,
DECLARES THE LORD.
BUT THIS IS THE ONE
TO WHOM I WILL LOOK:
HE WHO IS HUMBLE AND
CONTRITE IN SPIRIT
AND TREMBLES AT MY WORD.
—ISAIAH 66:2

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“WHAT COMFORT THERE IS IN THE VERSE. IT TELLS US GOD
IS TIRELESSLY ON OUR SIDE. HE NEVER FALTERS IN RESPECT
TO OUR NEEDS, HE ALWAYS HAS MORE GRACE AT HAND
FOR US. HE IS NEVER LESS THAN SUFFICIENT, HE ALWAYS
HAS MORE YET MORE TO GIVE. WHATEVER WE MAY FORFEIT
WHEN WE PUT SELF FIRST, WE CANNOT FORFEIT
OUR SALVATION, FOR THERE IS ALWAYS MORE GRACE.
NO MATTER WHAT WE DO TO HIM, HE IS NEVER BEATEN...
HIS RESOURCES ARE NEVER AT AN END, HIS PATIENCE
IS NEVER EXHAUSTED, HIS INITIATIVE NEVER STOPS,
HIS GENEROSITY KNOWS NO LIMIT, HE GIVES MORE GRACE.”
—J.A. MOYER

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WHY HUMILITY MATTERS:

- HUMILITY IS THE WORK OF THE CROSS IN ME (JAMES 4:10)

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⁵HAVE THIS MIND AMONG YOURSELVES, WHICH IS YOURS IN CHRIST JESUS, ⁶WHO, THOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT COUNT EQUALITY WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED, ⁷BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, BY TAKING THE FORM OF A SERVANT, BEING BORN IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN. ⁸AND BEING FOUND IN HUMAN FORM, HE **HUMBL**ED HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS. ⁹THEREFORE GOD HAS HIGHLY **EXAL**TED HIM AND BESTOWED ON HIM THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, ¹⁰SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, ¹¹AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER. —PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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"WHEN I SEE THAT I AM A SINNER... NOTHING BUT THE SON OF GOD ON THE CROSS CAN SAVE ME, I'M HUMBLD TO THE DUST... NOTHING BUT THE CROSS CAN GIVE US THIS SPIRIT OF HUMILITY. EVERY TIME WE LOOK AT THE CROSS CHRIST SEEMS TO BE SAYING TO US, 'I AM HERE BECAUSE OF YOU. IT IS YOUR SIN I AM BEARING, YOUR CURSE I AM SUFFERING, YOUR DEBT I AM PAYING, YOUR DEATH I AM DYING.' NOTHING IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE CUTS US DOWN TO SIZE LIKE THE CROSS. ALL OF US HAVE INFLATED VIEWS OF OURSELVES, ESPECIALLY IN SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, UNTIL WE HAVE VISITED A PLACE CALLED CALVARY. IT IS THERE AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS WE SHRINK TO OUR TRUE SIZE." —MARTYN-LLOYD JONES

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WHEN I SURVEY
THE WONDROUS CROSS
ON WHICH THE PRINCE
OF GLORY DIED,
MY RICHEST GAIN
I COUNT BUT LOSS,
AND POUR CONTEMPT
ON ALL MY PRIDE.
—ISAAC WATTS

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