

Stepping Into...

**“The Strength & Stability
of Humility”**

“Pride is your greatest enemy,
humility is your greatest friend.”

John Stott

Stepping Into...

What Draws God's Attention?

Daniel 5:1-2; 4-5 NLT

¹ Many years later King Belshazzar gave a great feast for 1,000 of his nobles, and he drank wine with them. ² While Belshazzar was drinking the wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver cups that his predecessor, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from the Temple in Jerusalem. He wanted to drink from them with his nobles, his wives, and his concubines.

⁴ While they drank from them they praised their idols made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. ⁵ **Suddenly, they saw the fingers of a human hand writing on the plaster wall of the king's palace, near the lampstand.** The king himself saw the hand as it wrote,...

Why is Pride so Dangerous?

Daniel 5:22-24 NLT

²² “You are his successor, O Belshazzar, and you knew all this, yet **you have not humbled yourself.** ²³ For you have proudly defied the Lord of heaven and have had these cups from his Temple brought before you. You and your nobles and your wives and concubines have been drinking wine from them while praising gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone—gods that neither see nor hear nor know anything at all. But **you have not honoured the God who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny!** ²⁴ So God has sent this hand to write this message.

How Did God Confront Pride?

Daniel 5:25-28, 30 NLT

²⁵ “This is the message that was written: *Mene, mene, tekel,* and *Parsin.* ²⁶ This is what these words mean:

Mene means ‘numbered’ —God has numbered the days of your reign and has brought it to an end.

²⁷ *Tekel* means ‘weighed’ —you have been weighed on the balances and have not measured up.

²⁸ *Parsin* means ‘divided’ —your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, the Babylonian king, was killed.

“Pride is a deadly attitude that will always try to attach itself to my greatest areas of achievement.”

Humility:

- Context aware
- Retain relationships
- Willing to learn
- Balanced judgement
- Know 'self-worth'
- Listen
- Appreciate others
- Accept feedback
- Ask for help
- Willing to serve
- Secure in Leading

Pride:

- Not considerate
- Damage others
- Assume they know
- Distorted priorities
- Strive for identity
- Not really interested
- Don't notice or care
- Overly defensive / argue
- Know it all
- Expect to be served
- Hide weakness

“Humility is frequently associated with being too passive, submissive or insecure, but this couldn’t be any further from the truth. Instead, humble people are quite the opposite—confident and competent in themselves so much that, as a result, they seek to self-actualize by helping others.”

Jeff Boss, *Forbes Magazine*

Humility Builds Strength and Stability!

1 Peter 5:5-7, 8-9 NIV

⁵ ...**All of you**, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, '**God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.**' ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, **that he may lift you up in due time.** ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be **alert and of sober mind.** Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion **looking for someone to devour.** ⁹ **Resist him, standing firm in the faith,** because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Stepping Into...

**“The Strength & Stability
of Humility”**