

## Humility and Chastening

It is natural to want recognition and achievement in this life. But the Scriptures teach the need for humility—an attitude of submission and deference—rather than pride and arrogance. To chasten means to correct or to discipline. There are times when God, because of His love for us, must bring a measure of discipline into our lives.

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*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.  
(Luke 14:11)*

*...live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:1b-2)*

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.  
(Philippians 2:3-4)*

***...All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:5b-6)***

*Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. (Job 5:17)*

*Blessed is the man you discipline, O LORD, the man you teach from your law; you grant him relief from days of trouble. (Psalm 94:12-13a)*

*My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. (Proverbs 3:11-12)*

*If you are not disciplined...then you are illegitimate children...we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it...God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:8-11)*

*Humble yourselves before the LORD, and he will lift you up. (James 4:10)*

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1. What is humility?
  2. How can I show humility?
  3. What is chastening?
  4. What is the relationship between humility and chastening?
  5. How are we blessed if God corrects us?
  6. What does correction spare us from?
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### MEMORIZE: 1 Peter 5:5b-6

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