

TEXT: Micah 6:6-8

PRINCIPLES:

1. **God is humble.** Psalm 113:4-6; Matthew 11:28-29A; Zechariah 9:9; John 13:3-5; Philippians 2:6-8
2. **“No man may boast before God”** (1 Corinthians 1:29). **God:**
 - A. **Exists.** Psalm 10:4
 - B. **Provides us with everything we need to live, move, and have our very being.** 1 Tim 6:17; 1 Cor 4:7B
 - C. **Is smarter than us.** Isaiah 55:9; Proverbs 26:12
 - D. **Is more powerful than us.** Obadiah 1:3-4
 - E. **Is holier than us.** Romans 3:23
3. **There is no reason for us to be proud before men.** Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 12:11B; Galatians 6:2-3

APPLICATIONS:

1. **Are we arrogant?** Romans 12:3A; 2 Timothy 3:1-2, 5. Here are some practical tests to help us decide whether we are thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought. **Do we:**
 - A. **Cause strife?** Proverbs 28:25A
 - B. **View other people with contempt?** Luke 18:9-14
 - C. **Not associate with people we think are beneath us?** Romans 12:16
 - D. **Brag about ourself?** Proverbs 30:32
 - E. **Take the best for ourself?** Luke 14:7-11
 - F. **Take criticism poorly?** Proverbs 9:8A
 - G. **See no need for counsel?** Proverbs 15:12
 - H. **Take our spiritual strength for granted?** Prov 16:17-18. Peter well illustrates such conceited thinking. Matt 26:31-35A. Peter just knew he was the exception to this rule. He was the original disciple (Mt 10:2), the first to confess that Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God, the only one who had walked on water, had spoken up on the Mount of Transfiguration, and had defended Jesus with a sword in the face of overwhelming armed opposition. Yet, he was soon so afraid of questions put to him by a servant-girl and other bystanders that he had denied the Lord twice was doing if the third time when ... Luke 22:61.
 - I. **Etc.**
2. **Are we humbling ourselves before God and men?** 1 Peter 5:6; Philippians 2:3. Here are some practical tests to help us decide whether we are thinking less highly of ourselves as we ought. **Do we:**
 - A. **Allow for the possibility that we might be wrong?** 1 Corinthians 4:4; Acts 17:11
 - B. **Focus much more on our own faults than on the faults of other people?** Matthew 7:3-5
 - C. **Judge ourself by the proper standard of judgment?** 2 Corinthians 10:12
 - D. **Understand why mammon is unrighteous and view it accordingly?** James 1:10-11
 - E. **Pray for humility?** Job 40:11B-12A
 - F. **Thank God when He answers our prayer?** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 - G. **See ourself as a servant?** John 13:8-9, 12-17
 - H. **Give God the glory in all things?** Galatians 6:14
 - I. **Etc.**
3. **God hates the proud.** Proverbs 8:13B; Proverbs 16:5; Matthew 23:12
4. **God loves the humble.** Isaiah 66:2; 1 Peter 5:5B

CONCLUSION: Matthew 5:3