

# **God Responds to Humility**

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*First pride, then the crash— the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.*  
*Proverbs 16:18 (Message)*

Pride can become a lid to our lives. God designed us to be open vessels so that he can pour into us and we can pour out to others. If we don't take the lid off, it can keep us from our destiny and even destroy us.

**Why do you think people keep the lid on their lives?**

Pride destroys relationship. Humility is required to cultivate healthy relationships. Humility keeps relationships pure and balanced. As we lift others before ourselves, we are following the pattern Jesus set before us.

**Do you have any relationships in which you could be a little more humble?**

*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*  
*James 4:10 (KJV)*

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

**How are you walking with God? What is His position in your life?**

*You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.*  
*Psalms 51:16-17 (NLT)*

If the dominion of our heart is not redeemed, an unnatural desire for power, fame, and money takes over and is polluted by sin. God will never reject humility, in fact, God requires a heart broken and humbled before Him. We must decide to reject pride and choose humility.

**What is the condition of your heart? Do you struggle with worldly desires?**

**Prayer: Lord, Help me to lay down selfish pride and walk in humility so that we can have a better relationship with you and those in our lives. Search our hearts and reveal where pride may be an issue and give us the strength to submit our hearts to you and those you put in authority over us. Thank you for your grace, mercy and love. In your name we pray, Amen.**