

Message

**Why Must
We Have
Humble and
Contrite Hearts?**

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Humble and Contrite Hearts

“We spend a good part of our lives trying desperately to convince ourselves, as well as everyone else, that we know more than we really do....”

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- **I Corinthians 3:18-23**

- “...must become foolish, so that he may become wise.”

- **Psalms 94:7-11**

- “...the thoughts of man...are a mere breath.”



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■ What is Humility?

- ❖ State Of Our Mind
- ❖ Having or Showing a consciousness of one's defects or shortcomings
- ❖ Not Proud
- ❖ Low In Condition or Rank; Lowly
- ❖ Unpretentious



Application of Humility

Humility is not thinking
less of yourself,
but thinking
of yourself less.

- C.S. Lewis

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- **Why Must We Have Humble and Contrite Hearts?**
- ❖ **God Wants A Change of Heart**
 - **Deuteronomy 5:22-29**
 - **Psalm 81:11-13**



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■ What is a Contrite Heart?

- ❖ Heart – ‘a person’s inner being’
- ❖ Recognition of our sinfulness and brokenness
- ❖ Teachable
- ❖ Conscience weighed by guilt
- ❖ No Excuses
- ❖ Shifts No Blame



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- **Why Must We Have Humble and Contrite Hearts?**
- ❖ **God Highly Values Those Who Are Contrite**
 - **Isaiah 57:15-16**
 - **Isaiah 66:1-2**



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- **Why Must We Have Humble and Contrite Hearts?**
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 - **Psalm 51:1-19**
 - **Psalm 41:4**



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❖ God Highly Values Those Who Are Contrite

■ Psalm 51:17

- ❖ “chastened heart” – International Standard
- ❖ “humbled heart” – Christian Standard
- ❖ “repentant heart” – Good New Translation
- ❖ “sorrowful heart” – God’s Word Translation

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❖ God Highly Values Those Who Are Contrite

▪ Psalm 34:1-22

- ❖ “bruised of spirit” – Young’s Literal Translation
- ❖ “a crushed spirit” – World English
- ❖ “humble of spirit” – Douay-Rheims
- ❖ “discouraged and have given up hope” – Contemporary English

It means realizing that only God and following His way can turn things around for us.

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❖ **Jesus Illustrates What a Contrite Heart Look Like.**

■ **Luke 18:9-14**

❖ **View Ourselves
The Way God Does**

❖ **Show Thanks For
God's Mercy**



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- **Why Must We Have Humble and Contrite Hearts?**
- ❖ **A New Heart And A Joyous Future**
 - **Ezekiel 11:19-21**
 - **II Corinthians 3:2-3**
 - **Luke 4:18**



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- **Psalm 9:12 / 10:17**

- God hears the cries and desires of the humble

- **Psalm 25:9**

- God will guide in judgment and teach His ways to the meek

- **Psalm 37:11**

- The meek will inherit the earth and be given peace.

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- **Application To Our Lives**
 - ❖ **II Corinthians 5:21**
 - ❖ **Matthew 5:8**

