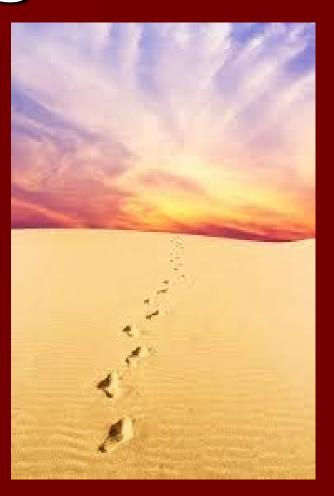
Message

Why Must
We Have
Humble and
Contrite Hearts?

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"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...."

Charles Osgood

American Radio / Television Commentator

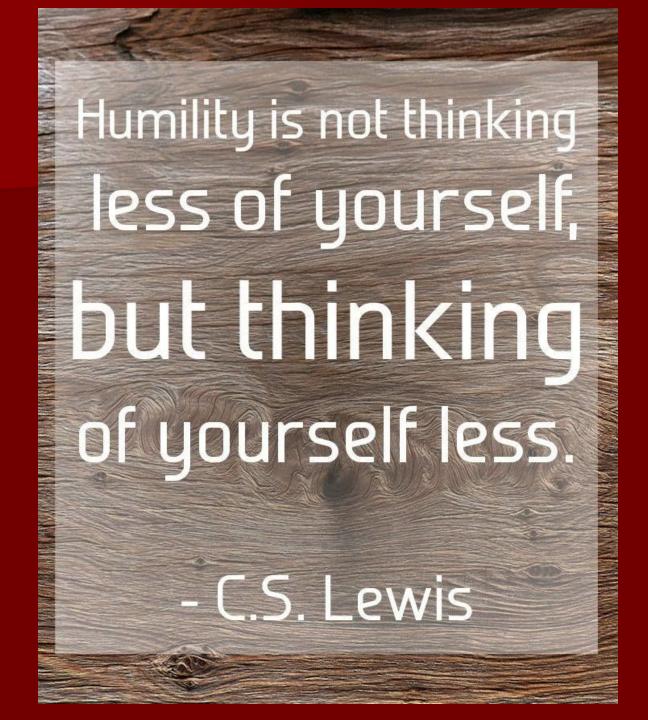


- **I Corinthians 3:18-23**
 - "...must become foolish, so that he may become wise."
- Psalm 94:7-11
 - "...the thoughts of man...are a mere breath."

- 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



of Humility Application



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



- 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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 - Isaiah 57:15-16
 - Isaiah 66:1-2



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 - Psalm 41:4



- 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

- 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.

- Jesus Illustrates What a Contrite Heart Look Like.
 - Luke 18:9-14
 - View OurselvesThe Way God Does
 - Show Thanks For God's Mercy



- 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



- 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.

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

