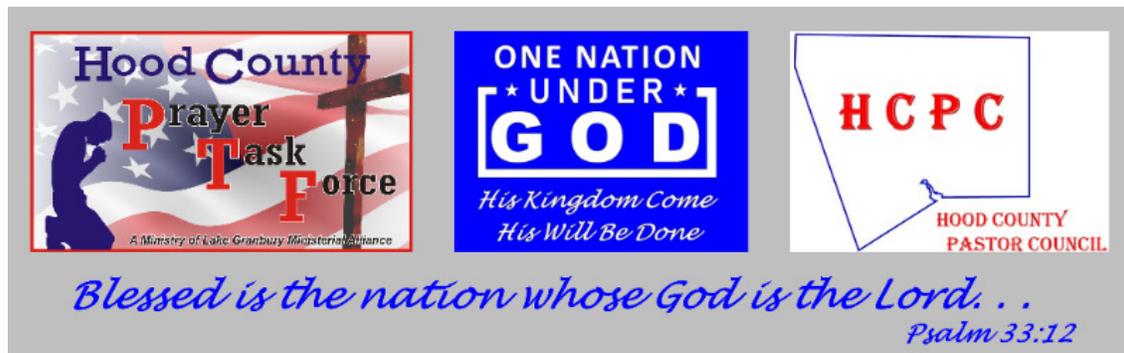


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I Humble Myself and Pray.

Is There Any Place In Me That Is Proudful?

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Reflections

We might think of humility as a form of weakness, but it is actually the very opposite. Humility is connected to meekness. Jesus said, "*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*" (Matthew 5:5) What is meekness? A literal definition of the word is power under constraint. For example, you are riding a powerful stallion and he has submitted his will to the rider. He has

Challenge

The challenge we all have is to find that rewarding **JOY** that often comes as a result of really humbling yourself before the Lord. We can experience real joy by

more than enough power to resist the direction of the rider and do what he wants. However, because that horse has humbled himself, or has been meek, he's putting his power under constraint. In the same way, when the *Bible* speaks of humility and meekness, it means surrendering our will to the will of God.

By making sure that I fight the sins that have an impact on how others view me. . . I must also strive to make peace with the ones no one sees. Pride often keeps me from being concerned over the sins I keep secret!

Prayer

Jesus, hear our prayers as we humble ourselves before you, asking for forgiveness and mercy when we seek out prideful ways. As we sit at the foot of the throne, we ask that you hear our prayers and intercede to help give us guidance to turn from our prideful ways. Amen

- 1) Putting **J**esus first,
- 2) **O**thers next and
- 3) **Y**ourself last!

JOY! springs forth in our hearts and pushes out pride and deceitfulness when we stop allowing pride to rule our lives.

For Discussion

Do I have a sense of the wrong type of pride and how do I overcome this?



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