

Humility in Christian Leadership

It is not surprising that humility is hard to find in the world, especially among those in leadership positions. But it would be shocking if humility was equally hard to find among Christ's followers and those in Christian leadership positions. And often times it is. Andrew Murray says that "Humility is the root from which grace is growing and thus it becomes the main condition of the real fellowship with Christ." Was Murray right? We will explore what humility is, where humility and pride come from, and what the cure is for the acute lack of humility in Christian leaders.

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I. Pride and Humility

A. The need for humility

1. In my own life and ministry
2. In missions
3. In churches and Christian organizations
4. In marriage and families
5. In evangelism and discipling

B. Definitions of humility and pride

C. Origin of humility and pride

D. Humility of the Son of God

II. Humility in Christian Leadership

A. Learning from Moses

B. Learning from the apostle Paul

III. Discussion and Questions

Suggested Readings:

Andrew Murray, *Humility* (Bethany House Publishers, Bloomington, Minnesota, 2001)
C.J. Mahaney, *Humility: True Greatness* (Multnomah Books, Colorado Springs, CO, 2005)
Timothy Keller, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* (10Publishing, Farington, England, 2012)
J. Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership* (Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 1967)