**Humility - Ponderings**

**What does the Lord require of you**

**but to do justice, and to love kindness,**

**and to walk humbly with your God?**

***(Micah 6:8)***

**Blessed are the pure in spirit,**

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

***(St. Matthew 5:3)***

**The more seriously someone takes themselves, the more likely they’ll have a humiliating public scandal. *(Tom Arnold, actor)***

**I’ve never had a humble opinion in my life. If you’re going to have one, why bother to be humble about it? *(Joan Baez)***

**How can some people become so conceited, when everyone knows we all begin and end as nothing? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Never be haughty to the humble. Never be humble to the haughty. *(Jefferson Davis)***

**The most difficult instrument to play well is second fiddle. *(Liguorian)***

**Extremes meet and there is no better example than the haughtiness of humility. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Humility is evidence that you have successfully failed. *(Submitted by Guideposts reader Marcia Lynch, of Fairfax, Virginia)***

**After crosses and losses, men grow humbler and wiser. *(Ben Franklin)***

**Those who travel the high road of humility are not troubled by heavy traffic. *(Sen. Alan K. Simpson)***

**Humility: The first of all other virtues -- for other people. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes)***

**There is nothing so humbling as waiting – that is why time was created, so that we might learn to wait. *(Thomas Keating)***

**Once, after Henry Kissinger was introduced at a speaking engagement, everyone in the audience rose and applauded him. At last the clapping subsided, and people sat down. "I want to thank you for stopping the applause," Kissinger said. "It is impossible for me to look humble for any period of time." *(J. M. A., in Reader's Digest)***

**Don’t be humble; you’re not that great. *(Golda Meir, Israeli prime minister)***

**It wasn’t until quite late in life that I discovered how easy it is to say “I don’t know.” *(W. Somerset Maugham, English writer)***

**This is the only necessary form of humility: the realization that difference is normal. *(Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie)***

**The way of humility, dear friends, is therefore not the way of renunciation but of courage. It is not the result of a defeat but the outcome of a victory of love over egoism and of grace over sin. *(Pope Benedict XVI)***

**Humility – a quality that disappears the moment you think you have it. *(E. D. Hulse, in Bashford Methodist Messenger)***

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**He shows himself worthy, in that he confesses himself unworthy. *(St. Augustine)***

**It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels. *(St. Augustine)***

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**Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying. *(St. Vincent de Paul)***

**Humility is the sense you experience when you check yourself in a clothing store’s three-way mirror. *(Quote magazine)***

The really tough thing about true humility is you can’t brag about it. *(Gene Brown, in National Enquirer)*

**If your troubles are deep-seated and of long standing, try kneeling. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The true test of humility is whether you can say grace before eating crow. *(Orben's Current Comedy)***

**If you're not humble, life will visit humbleness upon you. *(Mike Tyson)***

**All streams flow to the sea because it is lower than they are. Humility gives it its power. *(Lao Tzu, Chinese philosopher)***

**Don’t be so humble that you become humiliated by your own modesty and holding back. *(Denis Waitley)***

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**We do not acquire humility. There is humility in us – only we humiliate ourselves before false gods. *(Simone Weil, French philosopher)***

**Humility is attentive patience. *(Simone Weil)***

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**Be humble, but not too humble. Don't be invisible. *(Pharrell Williams)***

**Without humility there can be no humanity. *(John Buchan)***

**I've been told I set a few records, but I really don't know what they are.  
*(Tiger Woods, U.S. Open golf champion)***

**Your worst humiliation is only someone else's momentary entertainment. *(Karen Crockett)***

**I feel coming on a strange disease -- humility . *(Frank Lloyd Wright)***

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