

Topic: Proper Humanity – Humble (Lesson 111)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verse: “Talk no more so very proudly; Do not let arrogance go forth from your mouth” (1 Samuel 2:3a).

Focus: A proper person is one who is not proud. To not be proud is to not make a show of oneself as being better than others. We should not be proud in the way that we talk.

Practical Application: On the first day of school your parents may give you a new backpack to wear to school. When you see the other children in your classroom you might think that your backpack is the best one. A person who is not proud would not go around talking to others about how much nicer their backpack is compared to the other children’s backpacks in their class. We can be happy with what we have, but we should not speak about our belongings in a prideful way to others.

Intermediate:

Verse: “A high look and a proud heart...is sin” (Proverbs 21:4).

Focus: A proper person is one who is not proud. To not be proud is to not make a show of oneself as being better than others. We should not be proud in the way that we conduct ourselves.

Practical Application: How we conduct ourselves after we have done something good reflects whether we are a proud person or not. How do we react after we get a 100% on a test at school, or if we score a goal in a game? Do we behave in a way to get people’s attention so they would know what we have done? Do we immediately start asking others around us what they earned on the test so that they will ask us what we earned? We can be happy with what we have achieved but should not behave in such a way as to draw people’s attention to how well we have done.

Advanced:

Verse: “Every one who is proud in heart is an abomination to Jehovah” (Proverbs 16:5a).

Focus: A proper person is one who is not proud. To not be proud is to not make a show of oneself to be better than others. We should not be proud in what we say or what we do and should also not have a heart that is full of pride.

Practical Application: When we win a competition or get the highest score in our class it is very easy to be proud. Even though we might not talk or behave in a proud way, we can still be proud in our heart by thinking that we are better than everyone else. If we become proud in our heart, it will eventually come out in the way we talk and behave towards others.