

## WHERE DO WARS COME FROM

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ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN BEING A CHRISTIAN IS LEARNING HOW TO HUMBLE OURSELVES.

James 4:6
6But [God] gives more grace. Therefore He says:
"God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."

How do we humble ourselves to God?

Confess your sin to God (Luke 18:9-14). All of us sin and fall short of the glory of God. Weekly, even daily, review of our hearts and behaviors, coupled with confession to God, is an essential practice of humility.

Acknowledge your sin to others (James 3:2, James 5:16). A true test of our willingness to humble ourselves is a willingness to share with others the weaknesses we confess to God. Wisdom, however, dictates that we do so with others that we trust.

Receive correction and feedback from others graciously (Proverbs 10:17, 12:1). Look for the kernel of truth in what people offer you, even if it comes from someone you don't like. Always pray, "Lord, what are you trying to show me through this?"

Accept a lowly place (Proverbs 25:6,7). If you find yourself wanting to sit at the head table, wanting others to recognize your contribution, or becoming offended when others are honored or chosen, then pride is present. Purpose to support others being recognized, rather than you. Accept and look for the lowly place; it is the place of humility.

PARENTS, PRAY OVER YOUR CHILDREN, ASK THEM TO PRAY OVER YOU.