

## Quotes on HUMILITY

"The sufficiency of my merit is to know that my merit is not sufficient." — St. Augustine

"Fullness of knowledge always and necessarily means some understanding of the depths of our ignorance, and that is always conducive to both humility and reverence." — Robert A. Millikan

"He who sacrifices a whole offering shall be rewarded for a whole offering; he who offers a burnt-offering shall have the reward of a burnt-offering; but he who offers humility to God and man shall be rewarded with a reward as if he had offered all the sacrifices in the world." — The Talmud

"Some persons are always ready to level those above them down to themselves, while they are never willing to level those below them up to their own position. But he that is under the influence of true humility will avoid both these extremes. On the one hand, he will be willing that all should rise just so far as their diligence and worth of character entitle them to; and on the other hand, he will be willing that his superiors should be known and acknowledged in their place, and have rendered to them all the honors that are their due." — Jonathan Edwards

"True humility—the basis of the Christian system—is the low but deep and firm foundation of all virtues." — Edmund Burke

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." — Matthew 5:5

"True humility is not an abject, groveling, self-despising spirit; it is but a right estimate of ourselves as God sees us." — Tryon Edwards

"Humility is to make a right estimate of oneself." — Charles H. Spurgeon

"Life is a long lesson in humility." — James M. Barrie

"The grace which makes every other grace amiable." — Alfred Mercier

"If thou desire the love of God and man, be humble; for the proud heart, as it loves none but itself, so it is believed of none but by itself; the voice of humility is God's music, and the silence of humility is God's rhetoric. Humility enforces where neither virtue nor strength can prevail nor reason." — Francis Quarles

"The fullest and best ears of corn hang lowest toward the ground." — Bishop Reynolds

"If thou wouldst find much favor and peace with God and man, be very low in thine own eyes; forgive thyself little, and others much." — Leighton

"Plenty of people wish to become devout, but no one wishes to be humble." — La Rochefoucauld

"After crosses and losses men grow humbler and wiser." — Benjamin Franklin

"Many people believe that humility is the opposite of pride, when, in fact, it is a point of equilibrium. The opposite of pride is actually a lack of self esteem. A humble person is totally different from a person who cannot recognize and appreciate himself as part of this world's marvels." — Rabino Nilton Bonder

"Humility is the only true wisdom by which we prepare our minds for all the possible changes of life."

— George Arliss

"Sense shines with a double luster when it is set in humility. An able and yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom." — William Penn

"Pride is concerned with *who* is right. Humility is concerned with *what* is right." — Ezra Taft Benson

"Humility is royalty without a crown." — Spencer W. Kimball (*Improvement Era*, August 1963, Page 704)

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"If thou wilt receive profit, read with humility, simplicity and faith, and seek not at any time the fame of being learned." — Thomas à Kempis

"It is said that it is far more difficult to hold and maintain leadership (liberty) than it is to attain it. Success is a ruthless competitor for it flatters and nourishes our weaknesses and lulls us into complacency. We bask in the sunshine of accomplishment and lose the spirit of humility which helps us visualize all the factors which have contributed to our success. We are apt to forget that we are only one of a team, that in unity there is strength and that we are strong only as long as each unit in our organization functions with precision. — Samuel Tilden

"In a humble state, you learn better. I can't find anything else very exciting about humility, but at least there's that." — John Dooner

"We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility." — Rabindranath Tagore

"When we become aware of our humility, we've lost it." — Unknown

"Humility leads to strength and not to weakness. It is the highest form of self-respect to admit mistakes and to make amends for them." — John J. McCloy

"A man who is at the top is a man who has the habit of getting to the bottom." — Joseph E. Rogers

"I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men."

— Lao-Tzu

"Our ego hinders our ability to influence more than anything else under our control."

— Michael McKinney

"Humility is at the equilibrium of ego. When we're on center, we manage our ego rather than it managing us."

— Steve Smith

"I don't like offending people, and it's easy to offend people when you don't know as much as they do. This group knows more about what it takes to lead in this way than I ever will. My goal is to push people, but I need to do it from a place of respect."

— Seth Godin

"Self-reflection entails asking yourself questions about your values, assessing your strengths and failures, thinking about your perceptions and interactions with others, and imagining where you want to take your life in the future."

— Bob Rosen, *Grounded*

"A great leader needs to love and respect people, and he needs to be comfortable with himself and with the world. He also needs to be able to forgive himself and others. In other words, a leader needs grace."

— Leo Hindery Jr.

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