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⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

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HUMILITY: the teachability by which we are to accept "humbly" the word of God in [Jas 1:21](#); a submissive readiness to do what the word says with *deeds done in . . . humility*; a yielding of oneself in ready teachability and responsiveness to God's word, resulting in a good and unselfish life of peace with other people.

The opposite of humility is an unwillingness to learn and a refusal to yield, **IVP New Testament**

PROVERBS 2 ¹ My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, ² so that you incline your ear to wisdom, *and* apply your heart to understanding; ³ yes, if you cry out for discernment, *and* lift up your voice for understanding, ⁴ if you seek her as silver, and search for her as *for* hidden treasures; ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth *come* knowledge mouth *come* knowledge and understanding; ⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly; ⁸ He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints.

PROVERBS 3

¹¹ My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; ¹² for whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

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JAMES 1 ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ *he* is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

BENEFITS OF HUMILITY – *Forbes Newsletter*

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Humility helps us let go of control.

- It frees me from disappointments.

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