

## How They Think: Proud People vs. Humble People

**P:** I'm right. I know I'm right.

**H:** I believe I'm right, but I could be wrong. I've been wrong before.

**P:** I'm glad I know so much.

**H:** I have a lot to learn.

**P:** How can I get ahead?

**H:** Who can I help get ahead?

**P:** Since I'm such a great visionary leader, I don't need to play by the same rules as everyone else. I'm special.

**H:** Since God has placed me in a position of leadership, I had better be more careful to be accountable. After all, I'm setting an example for others by my life. That's a big responsibility.

**P:** I'm not reading that letter of correction from the pastor. It's a bunch of garbage.

**H:** I'd better read that letter from the pastor carefully. I don't want to miss an opportunity to change for the better.

**P:** Suzie's laugh is **so** irritating!

**H:** Suzie's laugh irritates me, so I better ask God to change me. After all, **He** made that laugh.

**P:** The gossip in this place is disgusting!

**H:** God, help the people in this place to speak with grace, that it may benefit those who listen.

**P:** That jerk Peter had the nerve to criticize me in front of everybody today. I'll get even with him.

**H:** It stung when Peter criticized me today, but some of what he said was true, so it was worth it. I'll have to work on those areas.

**P:** I don't need to go to church. I'm not that weak.

**H:** I can't make it without God's help.

**P:** That Edward, he's hopeless.

**H:** If we give Edward some time and care, I bet he'll improve a lot.

**P:** I'm an apostle. So no one's going to tell me what to do.

**H:** What my title or office is doesn't matter. It's wonderful that I get to serve people.

**P:** I'm planning to write a book entitled, Perfect Humility and How I Attained It. Of course, it will have a big picture of **me** on the back cover. I'll encourage people to keep a copy of it right next to their Bible at all times.

**H:** There's no reason for me to write a book unless God calls me to do it.

**P:** I've worked hard for everything I earned in my life. It was my doing.

**H:** God has blessed me abundantly.

**P:** I don't get appreciated nearly enough for all I do around here.

**H:** What difference does it make if anybody does or doesn't appreciate me? God sees, and that's all that matters.

**P:** I don't need anybody else. I'm a self-made person.

**H:** I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for God's blessing and the help of those around me.

**P:** I've got to convince them how wrong they are. I've got to make them listen.

**H:** I'm going to drop it, because this time even if I succeed in convincing them, the resulting conflict and tension isn't worth it.

**P:** This stinks. Bill gets the promotion even though I work twice as hard as he does.

**H:** I'm happy for Bill to have gotten the promotion. Since God always takes care of me, there's no reason to fret.

**P:** Oh no, I messed up. I'd better cover this up real quick so that I don't look bad.

**H:** Oh no, I messed up. How did I make that mistake? I need to change so that it won't happen again. After I tell the boss, maybe I'll ask Janet for some help. I bet she's had to deal with this issue before.