

# God's Ways: Humility vs. Pride

(1 John 2:15-17 / Romans 12:9-21)

**Opening Discussion:** Who is the humblest person you know? How do you know when someone is humble? How would you know if you were humble or not? Is it possible to work at being humble?

**Transformational Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_ the world with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. Main Point #1 - Love \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(1 John 2: \_\_\_ / Romans 12: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_)

*For further discussion: What does Paul say about the importance of love in the world around us? How can love overcome evil? (See John 13:34-35: What does Jesus teach us about the affect love can have on the world? What does our love for one another say to the world about Jesus? What can you do to better show love in a world filled with hate?)*

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**2. Main Point #2 - Stay \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(1 John 2: \_\_\_ / Romans 12: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_)

*For further discussion: Why is humility so important when it comes to dealing with those who persecute you? How can humility affect others around us, even if they don't particularly like us or believe the way we do? (See Philippians 2:1-11: How does Jesus' example of humility motivate you to stay humble with the people in your life? Do you need more humility to bless those who persecute you or to connect with people on their emotional level?)*

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**3. Main Point #3 - Be \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(1 John 2: \_\_\_ / Romans 12: \_\_\_ - \_\_\_)

*For further discussion: How does this idea of not getting back at people for the things they do to us compare to the way the world handles these types of situations? What is your natural reaction to those who hurt you? (See Proverbs 20:22: What does this peace of wisdom add to our understanding of how we should handle persecution? How does it feel that God will always deliver us in His own way? How can this help us to be more patient with people in our lives?)*

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**Response: Do you need a new \_\_\_\_\_ on the world? More \_\_\_\_\_? More \_\_\_\_\_? More \_\_\_\_\_?**

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## Transformational Principles

Week 1: Because we are prone to conform, we must let God transform. (Romans 12:1-2)

Week 2: Because of all Jesus has done, surrender what you think you know. (Mark 8:34-37)

Week 3: If we really want to know what to do, abandon the world's ways for God's ways. (Isaiah 55:6-11)

Week 4: Accept that the world's ways are at odds with the ways of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18-30)

Week 5: If you want to be transformed, you must learn to deal with your sinful nature. (Romans 8:1-11)

Week 6: Look past what is seen and believe what is unseen. (Hebrews 11:1-6)