

Humility

New Testament Verses

Members of the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27)—those who believe in their heart the gospel of salvation that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised up by God (I Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 10:8-10)—are exhorted to be humble. This is a companion study to **Sovereignty of God: New Testament Verses**, because perhaps the most significant aspect of our humility is recognizing that God the Father is sovereign—in all things. It is also a supplement to the study **Let Us Be Humble**.

Brethren, our greatest example of humility is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He demonstrated His humility by not only leaving His rightful position at the right hand of God in heaven to become like us, but He suffered a humiliating and horrible death on a cross to save us from the consequences of our sins. Thankfully, God raised Him from the dead and restored Him to His position of glory (Ephesians 1:18-23). We should keep in mind what He did for us as we read about humility in Scripture.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:3-8)

So, what is meant by humility? Perhaps it is easiest to think of humility as the opposite of pride, which happens to be a natural human tendency. The Bible has much to say about pride, but that is not the subject of this study. In the following verses we'll hopefully see that not only are we exhorted to be humble, but that attributes of humility include being meek (gentle), modest or unpretentious, content, considerate of others, submissive to God and others, forgiving of others, and thankful. These attributes might be summed up as not thinking too highly of ourselves and realizing from the heart that we are dependent on God and our Lord Jesus Christ in all things. Unfortunately, it is easy for us to be proud of our faith and works, and showing them off to those around us. Would those who know us and associate with us consider us to be humble?

The following New Testament verses and passages demonstrate examples of humility and exhortations to be humble. I'm certain I've missed some. There is no commentary associated with them; I'll let the verses speak for themselves. I encourage you to read them in your own Bible, including the preceding and following verses as needed to understand the context. Each of us should examine our own thoughts and evaluate our own actions as we read these verses.

This study focuses on the New Testament, but there are many examples of thoughts and actions, as well as exhortations, related to humility in the Old Testament. This is particularly true for Psalms and Proverbs. Therefore, a list of some of the references from Proverbs is included at the end of this study for those who want to begin delving into the Old Testament on this subject.

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Matthew 3:1-4	Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make His paths straight!'" Now John had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
Matthew 5:1-5	When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the gentle [meek], for they shall inherit the earth."
Matthew 6:1	"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 6:2-4	"So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I [Jesus] say to you, they have their reward in full. But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you."
Matthew 6:5-6	"When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I [Jesus] say to you, they have their reward in full. But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you."
Matthew 6:16-18	"Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I [Jesus] say to you, they have their reward in full. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you."
Matthew 11:28-30	"Come to Me [Jesus Christ], all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
Matthew 18:1-4	At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 23:12	"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted." (see also Luke 14:11; 18:14)
Mark 9:50	"Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty [seasoned] again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

¹ All references are quoted from the *New American Standard Bible* (1996). Words in brackets are either equivalent words from the *King James Version* or, if in italics, were added by me for clarification. The added words *believers* and *brethren* refer to those who are saved from the consequences of sin; i.e., children of God.

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Mark 10:42-45	Calling them [<i>the disciples</i>] to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
Mark 15:1-5	Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate. Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews? And He answered him, "It is as you say." The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly. Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, "Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against you!" But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.
Luke 1:38	And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.
Luke 1:50-52	"And His [<i>the Lord God's</i>] mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him. He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble."
Luke 2:15-19	When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.
Luke 6:27-31	"But I [<i>Jesus</i>] say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. Treat others the same way you want them to treat you." (see also Matthew 5:38-44)
Luke 23:33-34	When they came to the place called The Skull [<i>Calvary</i>], there they [<i>the Romans</i>] crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they [<i>Jews and Romans</i>] do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.
Romans 3:21-23	But now apart from the Law [<i>of Moses</i>] the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction [<i>between Jews and Gentiles</i>]; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 5:6-10	For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
Romans 8:26-27	In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints [<i>believers</i>] according to the will of God.

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Romans 11:25-29	For I [<i>Paul</i>] do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening [blindness] has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.” From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God’s choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers [<i>Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob</i>]; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
Romans 12:3	For through the grace given to me [<i>Paul</i>] I say to everyone among you [<i>brethren</i>] not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment [soberly], as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
Romans 12:9-13	Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints [<i>believers</i>], practicing hospitality.
Romans 12:14-18	Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
Romans 13:1-2	Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.
Romans 14:1	Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.
Romans 15:1-3	Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You [<i>God</i>] fell on Me [<i>Christ</i>].”
I Corinthians 1:26-31	For consider your calling [<i>salvation</i>], brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame [confound] the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord [<i>God</i>].”
I Corinthians 2:1-5	And when I [<i>Paul</i>] came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.
I Corinthians 3:6-7	I [<i>Paul</i>] planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth, so then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

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I Corinthians 6:4-8	So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church? I [Paul] say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren, but brother [believer] goes to law with brother [believer], and that before unbelievers? Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud. You do this even to your brethren.
I Corinthians 6:19-20	Or do you [believer] not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.
I Corinthians 8:1-13	<p>Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we [believers] know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.</p> <p>Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one. For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.</p> <p>However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. And so, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I [Paul] will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble.</p>
I Corinthians 10:12	Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.
I Corinthians 10:23-24	All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor.
I Corinthians 10:31-33	Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks [Gentiles] or to the church of God; just as I [Paul] also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be saved.
I Corinthians 13:4-7	Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
II Corinthians 5:14-15	For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they [believers] who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.
II Corinthians 7:1	Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us [believers] cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
II Corinthians 10:17-18	But he who boasts is to boast in the Lord. For it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends.

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II Corinthians 13:11	Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded [of one mind], live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Galatians 1:10	For am I [<i>Paul</i>] now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.
Galatians 5:13-14	For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law [<i>of Moses</i>] is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Galatians 5:22-23	But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness [meekness], self-control; against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:26	Let us not become boastful, challenging [provoking] one another, envying one another.
Galatians 6:1	Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness [meekness]; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.
Galatians 6:2-3	Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
Galatians 6:10	So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith [<i>fellow brethren</i>].
Ephesians 2:8-9	For by grace you [<i>believers</i>] have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
Ephesians 2:11-16	Therefore remember that formerly you [<i>believers</i>], the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision [<i>Gentiles</i>]" by the so-called "Circumcision [<i>Jews</i>]," which is performed in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity [<i>separation/hostility</i>], which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances [<i>Law of Moses</i>], so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
Ephesians 3:8-10	To me [<i>Paul</i>], the very least of all saints [<i>believers</i>], this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable [unsearchable] riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration [fellowship] of the mystery which for ages [from the beginning of the world] has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.
Ephesians 3:20-21	Now to Him [<i>God</i>] who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him [<i>God</i>] be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 4:1-3	Therefore I [<i>Paul</i>], the prisoner of the Lord, implore you [<i>believers</i>] to walk in a manner worthy of the calling [<i>salvation</i>] with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness [meekness], with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:32	Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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Ephesians 5:18-21	And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject [<i>submit</i>] to one another in the fear [<i>reverence</i>] of Christ [God].
Philippians 2:3-4	Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
Philippians 2:5-8	Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Philippians 4:4-5	Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men [<i>people</i>]. The Lord is near.
Philippians 4:6-7	Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:11-13	Not that I [<i>Paul</i>] speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him [Christ] who strengthens me.
Colossians 1:13-14	For He [God] rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 2:13-14	When you [<i>believers</i>] were dead in your transgressions [sins] and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He [God] made you alive together with Him [Christ], having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us [<i>the Law of Moses</i>], which was hostile to us; and He [God] has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
Colossians 3:2-3	Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
Colossians 3:12-13	So, as those who have been chosen [elect] of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness [<i>meekness</i>] and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.
Colossians 3:17	Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. (see also Colossians 3:23-24)
Colossians 4:5-6	Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders [<i>unbelievers</i>], making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.
I Thessalonians 4:9-12	Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders [<i>unbelievers</i>] and not be in any need.
I Thessalonians 5:15	See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.
I Thessalonians 5:16-18	Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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I Timothy 6:8	If we have food and covering, with these we shall [let us] be content.
I Timothy 6:9-11	But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness [meekness].
II Timothy 2:24-26	The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness [meekness] correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.
Titus 3:1-2	Remind them [<i>believers</i>] to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign to one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration [all meekness] for all men.
Titus 3:4-7	But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He [<i>God</i>] saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His [<i>God's</i>] grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Hebrews 13:5	Make sure that your character is free from the love of money [without covetousness], being content with what you have; for He Himself [<i>the Lord God</i>] has said "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you."
Hebrews 13:15-16	Through Him [<i>Christ</i>] then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
James 1:17-21	Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights [<i>God</i>], with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures. This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility [meekness] receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.
James 2:1	My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.
James 3:13	Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness [meekness] of wisdom.
James 4:6-7	But He [<i>God</i>] gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
James 4:10	Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord [<i>God</i>], and He will exalt you [lift you up].
James 4:13-15	Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

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I Peter 1:22-23	Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.
I Peter 2:13-17	Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood [<i>fellow believers</i>], fear God, honor the king.
I Peter 2:21-24	For you [<i>believers</i>] have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him [<i>God</i>] who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.
I Peter 3:8-9	To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not retuning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.
I Peter 3:14-15	But even if you [<i>brethren</i>] should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness [<i>meekness</i>] and reverence.
I Peter 4:8-10	Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
I Peter 5:6-7	Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.
II Peter 1:2-3	Grace and peace be multiplied to you [<i>brethren</i>] in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His [<i>God's</i>] divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him [<i>God</i>] who called us by His own glory and excellence.
II Peter 1:5-7	Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence [<i>virtue</i>], and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

Proverbs

Some of the verses and passages in the book of Proverbs relating to humility are provided below. As with the New Testament verses, the list is not complete. There are numerous verses not in the list, for example, that describe the attributes of a wise person; those attributes stem from sincere humility. Furthermore, all of the verses referring to God's sovereign will and nature should also humble us. So, I'll leave it to you to read Proverbs to learn from the thought-provoking statements provided therein.

Proverbs 1:7; 3:3-8, 27-28; 6:1-3; 9:10; 10:9, 12; 11:2, 12; 14:21; 15:1; 16:7, 18-19; 17:27; 18:12; 19:1, 21-23; 20:3, 12; 21:23; 22:4; 23:17; 24:17-18; 25:21-22; 26:12; 27:1-2; 28:25; 29:23; and 31:30.

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