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How to Live the Christian Life in an Unchristian World

HUMILITY OR HUMILIATION?

Daniel 4:28-37

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*God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.
Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you at the proper time 1 Peter 5:5-6*

God's **Plan A** for our lives: we choose **humility**.

God's **Plan B** for our lives: He chooses **humiliation**.

Which plan are you choosing?

1. God wants us to hear and heed the message of warning.

King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper. Daniel 4:27 NLT

A. God is very compassionate and gracious.

Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. Isaiah 30:18

B. God responds to repentance.

When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it. Jonah 3:10

2. We tend to presume upon the mercy and grace of God.

Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. Daniel 4:28

A. God's patience with our pride eventually runs out.

B. God's judgment falls like a hammer.

While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven saying, "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you Daniel 4:31

3. God works to teach us the valuable lessons of humility.

A. God is the one and only God.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me." Isaiah 44:6

B. You and I are lowly servants who owe everything to Him.

C. God is worthy of your praise, honor, and total dependence.

D. God rewards those who walk in humility.

The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, honor and life. Proverbs 22:4

Where is the pride lurking in you?

Will you humble yourself before God today?