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believe in
miracles?**

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IN THE WORLD... NOT OF IT

The
Broad Road

Jesus' call →

The
Narrow Path

Often the
response

The World

God's Kingdom

**Godly Humility &
Love for Others vs.
Pride, Tolerance, &
Selfish Ambitions**

How does the world look at pride, tolerance, and selfish ambition?

Take pride in who you are & the desires that you have and...

...ignore that your Creator has a purpose that supersedes your desires.

Follow your heart & go wherever your desires lead...

...even if they lead to lies, broken homes, huge debt, leaving children, shirking responsibilities, sexual immorality, & trampling on others.

Tolerate & show love to everyone around you...

...providing that you completely accept everything that they do as right.

Godly humility takes pride in the fact that our Creator not only loves us but died & rose again so that we could follow Him in showing true love.

Godly love humility recognizes that...

True love is shown through the lens of God's word, which recognizes...

The heart is deceitful above all things, and following our heart destroys our lives, the lives of our families, and, ultimately, the nation we live in.

True love is willing to sacrifice our desires for our Lord and for others.

True humility knows that God's design is best for us and for others.

True love doesn't ignore someone whose desires have them on the road to destruction, but seeks, by the Holy Spirit's power, to save.

True humility follows the steps of our Lord, who emptied Himself and was obedient to even death on a cross for our very salvation.

True love is shown by loving Jesus most and by loving others.

Paul's teaching to the church in Colossae still guides us today...

Colossians 3:5-8 (NIV) ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

It is very unloving to ignore or encourage others as they practice desires that prohibit them from God's kingdom, the very things we are to put to death.

The world is always offended & responds with slander or gossip (with profanity replacing most adjectives), but we are called to follow Jesus' example of humility, meekness, longsuffering, & a balance of grace and truth.

Anyone who chooses to follow Christ is called to subject all desires and ambitions to King Jesus. We are to delight in God & He fulfills our desires.

Have you put to death what belongs to your earthly nature?

Colossians 3:9-11 (LSB) ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you put off the old man with its *evil* practices, ¹⁰ and have put on the new man who is being renewed to a full knowledge according to the image of the One who created him— ¹¹ *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, *and* freeman, but Christ is all and in all.

If we have put to death the sinful nature, then our transformation is to embody honesty and humility.

The only one who is fully impartial is God, who created a family where our cultural background, gender, and job do not reflect our standing, since we all have the same value in Christ.

When our mind is renewed and sanctified by the Holy Spirit's work, then we are to reflect the image of Christ, our Creator.

What, in your life, needs to change to look more like Jesus?

Colossians 3:12-17 (NKJV) ¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Truly examine your heart. Is your life a reflection of the grace and love that Jesus shows you?