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1 Pet 5:5-7

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- The measure of greatness is, according to Jesus, humility, and the greatest men who have lived were humble servants of God and others (Matt 23:11–12; cf. Num12:3; Eph 3:8–9; Matt 11:29).
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- We tend to take pride in our possessions, our power (or position), and our performance (1 John 2:15–17; Dan 4:29–37; Luke 18:9–14).
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They that know God will be humble, and they that know themselves, cannot be proud. (John Ravel)

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Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less. (C. S. Lewis)

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If you plan to build a tall house of virtues, you must first lay deep foundations of humility. (Augustine)

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Humility of heart is the first step of salvation. (Zac Poonen)



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