

HUMBLED

Building Blocks For A Significant Life - Part 5

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II Samuel 18:18

ABSALOM'S PRIDE PROBLEM

1. MISPLACED AMBITION.

"Now no one in Israel was as handsome as Absalom. From head to foot, he was the perfect specimen of a man. He cut his hair only once a year, and then only because it was too heavy to carry around. When he weighed it out, it came to five pounds!" II Samuel 14:25-26 (NLT)

"And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord." Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

2. MISPLACED AUTHORITY.

"Then Absalom sent secret messengers throughout the tribes of Israel to say, 'As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say Absalom is king in Hebron.'" II Samuel 15:10 (NIV)

3. MISPLACED ADVICE.

"Absalom and all the men of Israel said, 'The advice of Hushai the Arkite is better than Ahithophel.' For the Lord had determined to frustrate the good advice of Ahithophel in order to bring disaster on Absalom." II Samuel 17:14 (NIV)

"They took Absalom, threw him into a big pit in the forest and piled up a large heap of rocks over him..." II Samuel 18:17 (NIV)

HOW TO DEVELOP AN ATTITUDE OF HUMILITY

*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."
James 4:10 (NIV)*

■ DEVELOP THE RIGHT AMBITION: GOD'S GLORY.

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone." Ephesians 1:11 (Mess)

■ **LIVE UNDER THE RIGHT AUTHORITY: GOD'S PURPOSE.**

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

"...If any of you wants to be My follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross daily, and follow Me." Luke 9:23 (NLT)

■ **LISTEN TO THE RIGHT ADVICE: GOD'S WORD.**

"The Law of the LORD is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people." Psalm 19:7 (CEV)

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:5 (NIV)