

A LIFE WELL LIVED: DISCOVER THE REWARDS OF AN OBEDIENT HEART

MODELING WHAT'S HUMBLE

MICAH 6:8; 2 SAMUEL 16:5–14; PSALM 51:17



The Heart of the Matter

A silent battle rages in every one of us: the conflict between the sin of pride and the virtue of humility—the desire for significance versus the goal to be Christlike. We should not be surprised that when God led the prophet Micah to tell us what He expects of us, He included “Walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8). Contrary to popular opinion, humility—not self-promotion—marks the path of a life well lived.



Discovering the Way

1. God Expects Us to Walk Humbly (Micah 6:8)

God’s desire for His people to walk humbly with Him is not complicated or confusing . . . but it stirs up an age-old battle with our sinful pride and desire for significance and glory.

2. David’s Example of Humility (Psalm 51:17; 2 Samuel 16:5–14)

King David provides an example of a man who modeled humility through the crucible of crushing circumstances. The brokenness of David is poignantly expressed in Psalm 51:17 and profoundly exemplified in his twofold response to unjust ridicule (2 Samuel 16:5–14).

First, David considered God’s hand in the criticism.

Second, David refused to defend himself.

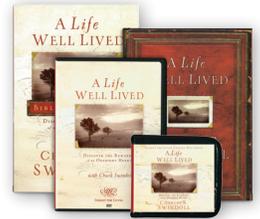


Starting Your Journey

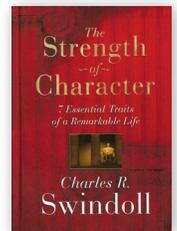
God’s desire for us to walk humbly leads to three practical benedictions. First, may we see pride as our archenemy. Second, may we embrace humility as our friend. Third, may we return to the cross where all people are equal.



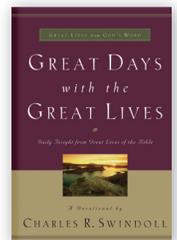
Tools for Digging Deeper



A Life Well Lived
by Charles R. Swindoll
hardcover book, Bible Companion,
DVD, and audio series



The Strength of Character
by Charles R. Swindoll
hardcover book



Great Days with the Great Lives
by Charles R. Swindoll
hardcover devotional

For related resources, please call:
USA 1-800-772-8888
AUSTRALIA 1300 467 444
CANADA 1-800-663-7639
UK 0800 915 9364
or visit www.insight.org
or www.insightworld.org



INSIGHT FOR LIVING

Original outline and Message Mate copyright © 2007 by Charles R. Swindoll, Inc.
All rights are reserved worldwide. Duplication of copyrighted material for commercial use is strictly prohibited.
Committed to Excellence in Communicating Biblical Truth and Its Application