



God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order. God commanded the Man, “You can eat from any tree in the garden, except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don’t eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you’re dead.”

God said, “It’s not good for the Man to be alone; I’ll make him a helper, a companion.” So God formed from the dirt of the ground all the animals of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the Man to see what he would name them. Whatever the Man called each living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 2:15-19

## “Pride and Humility”

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All of humanity lives between two trees while on earth: Genesis 3  
 1. The Tree of \_\_\_\_\_ & 2. The Tree of the **Knowledge of Good and Evil**.  
 We like Adam and Eve have a \_\_\_\_\_ between life and death.  
 Virtues of the cross of Jesus take effort, \_\_\_\_\_, and lead to **life**.  
 Vices of the world are \_\_\_\_\_ and lead to **death**. Matthew 7:12-14  
 PALE GAS, P\_\_\_\_\_ is the passion from which all the others flow.



*As long as you are proud, you cannot know God.  
 Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less.*  
 – C.S. Lewis

**The Problem:** We do not see ourselves \_\_\_\_\_.  
 How big are we in comparison to space and time? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If we must be right, perfect or in control, pride demands \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Deceit leads to shame and fear. Fear and shame lead to \_\_\_\_\_.



*Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.* – Thomas Merton

We do not have the \_\_\_\_\_ to live rightly without Jesus. Romans 7:15-19  
 When we do decide to follow Jesus, the \_\_\_\_\_ is real. Romans 7:21  
 Left unchecked, passions like jealousy, desire, and anger will \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying.*  
 - St. Vincent de Paul

**Jesus’ Answer:** *All who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 18:9-14*  
 Virtues of humility, patience, chastity, contentment, temperance, generosity, and diligence train us in the way that leads to life.  
 Grace is not opposed to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Grace is opposed to \_\_\_\_\_, which is pride. “You owe me...”  
 Pride = “\_\_\_\_\_ know best.” Humility = “\_\_\_\_\_ knows best.”  
 If God is in control, our humility demands \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Truth leads to life, freedom, and \_\_\_\_\_ with God, self, and others.

**Good News:** There are two trees, two Adams, and two Eves.  
 The first Eve says, “\_\_\_\_\_ way.” The second Eve says, “\_\_\_\_\_ way.” Luke 1:38  
 The first Adam is passive. The second Adam \_\_\_\_\_ his life. 1 Cor. 15:20-22

**Action Steps:** \_\_\_\_\_ to fish for a compliment. No self-\_\_\_\_\_.  
 Do something good for the world that requires \_\_\_\_\_ and tell no one.