

## CouplesInBloom.com – **Humble Insolence**

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God wants humility ⇨ Micah 6:8 *and* boldness ⇨ Proverbs 28:1; how does *that* work? Humility is *not* something we can do ⇨ Colossians 2:18; but something we have to make room for, because it is about God and not about us. Biblically, boldness is *not* something we can do in our own strength, either ⇨ 1 Samuel 2:9, “He keeps the feet of his saints, and the wicked are silenced in darkness; for by strength shall no man *prevail* (*literally in Hebrew: act with insolence*). Yet many Scriptures show God’s people using *insolence*...

**Insolence** means: pride or haughtiness manifested in contemptuous and overbearing treatment of others; petulant contempt; impudence. This definition seems opposed to the Holy Spirit led life... *because it is not* Biblical insolence, but rather the **human insolence** 1 Samuel 2:9 just warned us about. Look up the following instances of Biblical insolence:

📖 Isaiah 42:13 ⇨ “Jehovah shall go out as a warrior; and He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war; He shall shout, yea, roar; He shall act mightily (*with insolence*) on His enemies.”

📖 Jeremiah 9:3 ⇨ “And they bend their tongues, their bow is a lie. And they are not mighty (*insolent*) for the truth on the earth, for they go from evil to evil. They also do not know Me, says Jehovah.”

📖 Zechariah 10:12 ⇨ “And I will make them strong (*insolent*) in Jehovah, and they shall walk up and down in His name, says Jehovah.”

Since 1 Samuel 2:9 ⇨ says, “...by strength shall no man *act with insolence*, by *what* then shall we act with Biblical insolence? What *is* Biblical insolence, exactly, anyway??

The central component of every instance of Biblical insolence is the *person of Jehovah* (the only true God, the self-existent One). As creations of this only Creator, the only true response to Him is **humility: making fullest room for Him as our Lord**. Having the only God as our Lord is both the power and the justification for our (**humble**) **insolence**. We do not understand Christian living if we do not understand what **humble insolence** is.

Biblical examples of successful **humble insolence** and failed **humble insolence**:

📖 2 Chronicles 2:1-18 ⇨ Solomon built God’s house but lost his **insolence**, resulting in accepting strange women ⇨ Nehemiah 13:23-30. Understand the importance here: this appears to have cost Solomon his salvation; God alone knows. Most serious!

📖 2 Chronicles 26:1-15 ⇨ Uzziah built God’s city but lost his **humility**, resulting in him taking credit for what God did through him ⇨ 2 Chronicles 26:15-23. Again, understand the importance here: this appears to have cost Uzziah his salvation, also.

📖 Nehemiah 1-13 ⇨ Nehemiah rebuilt God’s wall and maintained both **humility** and **insolence**. Nehemiah 4 illustrates the picture of **humility** and **insolence**, especially in verse: 18 ⇨ “For each man of the builders had his sword tied by his side, and built.”

In other words: their rebuilding of God’s wall was their **humility** and their immediately ready sword was their Biblical **insolence**. Christian living and the **humble insolence** it requires demands our continuous collaboration of **careful confidence** fully in the Lord.

Read the book of Nehemiah without stopping to see how **humble insolence** works. ♥