

Josemaría Escrivá's 17 Signs of a lack of humility:

Allow me to remind you that among other evident signs of a lack of humility are:

- *Thinking that what you do or say is better than what others do or say*
- *Always wanting to get your own way*
- *Arguing when you are not right or – when you are – insisting stubbornly or with bad manners*
- *Giving your opinion without being asked for it, when charity does not demand you to do so*
- *Despising the point of view of others*
- *Not being aware that all the gifts and qualities you have are on loan*
- *Not acknowledging that you are unworthy of all honor or esteem, even the ground you are treading on or the things you own*
- *Mentioning yourself as an example in conversation*
- *Speaking badly about yourself, so that they may form a good opinion of you, or contradict you*
- *Making excuses when rebuked*
- *Hiding some humiliating faults from your director, so that he may not lose the good opinion he has of you*
- *Hearing praise with satisfaction, or being glad that others have spoken well of you*
- *Being hurt that others are held in greater esteem than you*
- *Refusing to carry out menial tasks*
- *Seeking or wanting to be singled out*
- *Letting drop words of self-praise in conversation, or words that might show your honesty, your wit or skill, your professional prestige...*
- *Being ashamed of not having certain possessions...*



Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer was a controversial Roman Catholic priest from Spain who founded Opus Dei, an organization of laypeople and priests dedicated to the teaching that everyone is called to holiness and that ordinary life is a path to sanctity.

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The "absolutely central" point in Escrivá's teaching, says American theologian William May, is that "sanctification is possible only because of the grace of God, freely given to his children through his only-begotten Son, and it consists essentially in an intimate, loving union with Jesus, our Redeemer and Savior."