

DIDN'T SEE IT COMING



PART 5: THE PROBLEM OF PRIDE

Sermon Notes

Text: Galatians 6:1-5

Intro: Not Just for Narcissists

The problem with pride is that it isolates us.

The problem of pride is that it is so sneaky and subtle that we often don't recognize just how affected by pride we really are.

Three ways pride ruin our lives:

1. Pride Blinds + Isolates Us

Pride blinds us to the needs of others and to our true heart condition.

Pride separates us from other and from God.

The sadly ironic thing about pride, is that many of us use it as a way to feel loved. Pride is a distortion of the basic human need to be accepted. To be noticed. To be loved. We are already all of these things and more in Christ. But pride tells us that we need the affirmation of others in order for it to be true.

2. Pride Compares + Competes

Pride is only satisfied when it is the "best" in the room. This is an unhealthy and toxic perspective of self-worth.

"When you compare and compete, you will end in defeat." - Andy Gabruch

3. Pride Opposes the Gospel

Grace cannot be earned and pride doesn't know how to handle that reality.

Pride isolates us, but humility sets us free.

"God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble." - 1 Peter 5:5

"Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays... Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all." - C.S. Lewis

Conclusion: Habits to Cultivate Humility

- 1) Be Honest with Yourself + God
- 2) Push Others into the Spotlight
- 3) Take the Low Place

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What was one time that pride got the best of you or someone you know? What happened?
2. What did you think or feel about the sermon on Sunday? Did anything resonate with you? Challenge you?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Galatians 6:1-5. What does this passage say about pride? About humility?
2. Reflecting on the passage above: What does it mean to “carry one another burdens”? What does it mean to “take pride in yourself alone”?
3. Read the quote by C.S. Lewis in the sermon notes. Does this change the way that you understand humility? What stands out to you or provokes thought from this quote?
4. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What does this passage teach us about humility? How can we follow in Christ’s example of humility?

Application:

1. What can you do to cultivate humility this week?

Prayer:

1. Repent of pride. Ask God to make you humble like Jesus was humble.
2. Other Requests
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