

Defeating Pride and Cultivating Humility, Pt. 1 5/22/16

The Perils of Pride

The real issue here is not _____ pride exists in your heart; it's _____ pride exists and _____ pride is being expressed in your life.

Pride is not only the _____ sin, but it is the _____ of all sin.

Throughout His Word, God exposes pride as our greatest _____.

Proverbs 6:16-17 – There are six things which the Lord hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.

Proverbs 8:13 – The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.

Proverbs 16:5 – Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

Pride = contending for _____ with God, and _____ up our hearts against Him

A prideful heart refuses to acknowledge its _____ on God.

Pride takes innumerable forms, but has only one end: self-_____.

Proverbs 16:18 – “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Notes on the example of pride found in [Mark 10:31-45](#):

The Promise of Humility

Humility = honestly assessing ourselves in the light of God's _____ and our _____

Isaiah 66:2 (ESV) –But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

Isaiah 57:15 – For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell *on* a high and holy place, and *also* with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Contrite =

What God wants to break is our self-_____.

John Stott: “At every stage of our Christian development and in every sphere of our Christian discipleship, pride is our greatest enemy and humility our greatest friend.”

The Example of Humility

Our Lord Jesus _____ Himself so that we could defeat pride and cultivate humility.

Mark 10:45 – “The even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Ransom =

Jesus' _____ makes a life of humility possible.

It's possible to _____ humility while remaining _____ ourselves.

Questions to Consider

- *Where* does pride exist in my life?
- *How* is pride being expressed in my life?
- Am I humble?
- Do I contend for supremacy with God in my heart?
- Do I regularly assess myself in the light of God's holiness and my sinfulness?
- Have I truly appreciated the fact that Jesus gave His life as a ransom for His people?