

04/19/26 Message

Part of What Does God NOT Want

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Message: Arrogance

Series: What Does God NOT Want

Background

A follow-up series to “What Does God Want” which built on this premise:

What does God want from me?

- This year
- Today
- Right Now

When we ask ourselves that, we're seeking the heart and will of God. And when we ask with intention we're asking with the intention we will change to be and do what God wants. And when we ask with that intention, God will answer your question. He will reveal things to you that you'd never know, maybe things you've never even thought of before. What does God want from you this year, today, right now?

—Pastor Chad

Stemming from a verse found in the OT:

Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV)

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to Him, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

This follow-up series explores and highlights what God doesn't want us to do. We have to get sin out of the way and enter the presence of God. Then we have His full attention and He is there!

—Pastor Chad

Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV)

16 There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil,

19 a false witness who breathes out lies, one who sows discord among brothers.

God Doesn't Want Your Arrogance

Key Scripture

James 4:6 (NLT)

And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Jesus' little brother James was quoting this OT verse:

Proverbs 3:34 (CSB)

He mocks those who mock but gives grace to the humble.

I love that chapter of Proverbs, it's where you find the verse that says - trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path! Then just a few verses later, it says...

—Pastor Chad

Proverbs 3:27-35 (NLT)

27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them.

28 If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

29 Don't plot harm against your neighbor, those who live nearby trust you.

30 Don't pick a fight without reason, no one has done you harm.

31 Don't envy violent people copy their ways.

32 Such wicked people are detestable to the Lord, but he offers his friendship to the godly.

33 The Lord curses the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the upright.

34 The Lord mocks the mockers but is gracious to the humble.

35 The wise inherit honor, but fools are put to shame!

- Pridefulness is a SPIRITUAL POISON

(Arrogance and) Pridefulness is a superiority complex. Superiority complexes will keep many people away from the gates of heaven because arrogance comes from looking only at ourselves; humility comes through looking at God!

—Billy Graham

What Arrogance Does

- Arrogance replaces DEPENDENCE with INDEPENDENCE
- **Genesis 3**
- Arrogance BLINDS us to TRUTH
- **Luke 18:9-14**
- Arrogance DAMAGES RELATIONSHIPS
- **Philippians 2:3**
- Arrogance brings OPPOSITION from GOD
- **James 4:6**

Don't Be Arrogant

Be humble like Jesus!

Philippians 2:8

Humility isn't thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less!

—Unknown

Humility looks like this:

- Being teachable, even when you think you know it
- Owning mistakes, quickly without being defensive
- Listening fully, before responding (More Listening, Less Talking)
- Giving credit, instead of taking it
- Seeking God's direction before making decisions

Humility doesn't weaken you; it brings you closer to the real source of strength and power and wisdom and mercy and grace. It brings you closer to Jesus, and then He'll bring you closer and literally into the presence of our heavenly Father! Humility doesn't weaken you; it strengthens you!

—Pastor Chad

Challenge:

- Lay down the need to be right.
- Lay down the need to be recognized.
- Lay down the illusion of control.
- And take up humility.

James 4:10 (NLT)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.