

PRIDE

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C.S. Lewis said: *“Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness...they are all mere FLEA BITES in comparison to PRIDE. Because PRIDE - leads to every other vice!”*

THE EFFECTS OF PRIDE:

#1. PRIDE – diminishes you.

#2. PRIDE - always diminishes your capacity.

- Your capacity to ADMIT – what you need to admit.
- Your capacity to ACKNOWLEDGE – what you need to acknowledge.
- And your capacity to APOLOGIZE – when you need to apologize.

#3. PRIDE - diminishes our capacity to receive LOVE.

“In his pride the wicked man does not seek Him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.” (Psalm 10:4)

Bottom line – **PRIDE is a PRISON!**

- And it shuts us IN –
- And it shuts God and others OUT!

Jesus – the Son of God – initiated reconciliation.

- He was **RIGHT** –
- And He was **WRONGED!**
- And yet - **Jesus initiated reconciliation.**

Pride says, **“Wait!”**

Jesus says, **“Initiate!”**

Philippians 2

(v. 5) Paul says, *“In your relationships with one another have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”*

(v. 7) *“Who, made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”*

(v. 8) *“And being found in appearance as a man, Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!”*

- This power of HUMILITY – will BREAK the power of PRIDE in your life.
- And you will NEVER miss that pride - once it's broken.

Three questions to get you thinking:

- **Question #1.** How does PRIDE manifest itself - in you?
- **Question #2.** What does PRIDE masquerade as – in you?
- **Question #3.** How much longer do you plan to let PRIDE – hold the remote?

Why would you continue to embrace something that has the potential to kill everything that's of value to you, instead of surrendering your life to someone – who chose to die for you?