

Before a Fall

Luke 18:9-14 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get. But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me, a sinner! I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

Pride causes us to assess our lives by the standard of our _____ rather than our God given _____.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 ESV “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!”

Pride left unaddressed leads to _____.

Christian community is the only place where a person can be completely exposed and at the same time know they are completely justified.

Gospel driven _____ is the antidote to pride.

Romans 5:8 ESV “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

“You are more wicked than ever dared believe and yet, you are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than you ever dared hope.” Timothy Keller