

Sermon Notes: Philippians 2:1-11

“Pride is the devil’s dragnet in which he takes more fish than in any other, except procrastination.”
-Charles Spurgeon

“The gospel produces a V-shaped life. Jesus went down into humility and sacrificial service before he was exalted, and that same pattern becomes the pattern for the Christian life.” -Tim Keller

Outline:

The Problem of Pride

The Call To Humility

The Greatest Example of Humility

“Pride is like a mother that is pregnant with all the other sins. Any other sin can be traced back here.”
-Augustine

“Everybody deals with pride, but not everybody knows it because pride takes such subtle forms.”
-John Piper

“If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can tell you the first step. It is to realize that one is proud.”
-CS Lewis

Pride Test

1. Are you more of an expert on other people’s sin than your own?
2. Are you more concerned with how you appear to others than with the actual condition of your heart?
3. Are you defensive? Do you find it hard to admit when you make a mistake or do something wrong?
4. Do you feel irritated or threatened when someone else succeeds?
5. Are you prone to self-pity/self-loathing?
6. Does it bother you when you do something good and no one notices? Or do you do good things and make sure others noticed?
7. Are you more marked by anger when things don’t go your way than with gratitude at all that you have?
8. Are you largely self-sufficient? Do you live primarily in your own strength rather than seek the help and wisdom of God and others?
9. Are you tempted to answer no to these questions so your score stays low?
10. Are you secretly hoping the person next to you is realizing how prideful they are right now?

If you scored 1 to 10 points, you struggle with pride. And if you scored 0 points, you really struggle with pride.

Humility is not about thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less. It is an intentional turning of our focus away from ourselves and toward others.

“If you want to be humble, do not concentrate on humility. Concentrate on Christ.” -Martyn Lloyd Jones