



PULPIT CURRICULUM

Embrace Humility

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1. GOING DEEPER

James 1: 9-11

1.1) a) In what ways does verses 9-11 differ from conventional teaching? b) Name five passages in scripture speak to the spiritual benefits of humility? c) Is it wrong for a Christian to pursue becoming "rich"?

1.2) a) What does James mean when he says "Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation and the rich in his humiliation" (verse 9)? (Refer to Jeremiah 9:23-24) b) In what ways can one who is poor be proud, and one who is rich be humble? c) What is the difference between God's view of wealth and the world's?

1.3) a) In what ways will the rich man "fade away in the midst of his pursuits"? b) What does the bible say about the "rich man" and his pursuit of riches?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

2.1) To what extent do you pursue humility (unpretentious behavior, suggesting a lack of arrogance and pride)?



I find it hard to be humble



I am not very consistent in being humble



I am growing in my demonstration of humility



I am striving more and more daily to be humble



My life fully reflects that I am humble

2.2) What actions will you identify to more fully embrace your identity in Christ?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Verse of The Week

James 1:9-10 (ESV)




let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away.

3. APPLICATION

Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about practicing this week? (Who will hold you accountable)?

Sermon Main Points	Sermon Highlights
<p>To have embrace humility as believers, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ Rejoice In your new perspective of life ⌘ Avoid the consequences of worldly pursuits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⌘ <i>Embrace humility-to enthusiastically accept the position of lowliness and obedience as a child of God.</i> ⌘ <i>The Christian must overlook the present circumstances in which it is the rich who boast and see life from an eschatological perspective</i> ⌘ <i>If your boasting is in your resources or your status or your position, it is wise to humble yourself by becoming a simple servant of God.</i>

5 Day Study Plan **“Study to show yourself approved unto God...”**

<p>Day 1 James 4:10 What I learned (observation / interpretation): How I will Respond (application):</p>	<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;">  Observation <i>(What does the text say?)</i> When observing the text, look for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who... wrote the book ... who is it about ... who did/ said this? What... is happening? Where... did this take place? When... did it happen? Keywords (significant, repeated, emphasized), Transition words (because, therefore, so then, but), Commands (clear action statements). </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;">  Interpretation <i>(What does the text mean?)</i> When interpreting the text, examine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the main theme... what is the meaning of key words)? Read cross references Compare translations Summarize the big idea Use commentaries (last thing) </div> <div>  Application <i>(How should this affect Me?)</i> When applying the text, ask “How should this change the way I think, speak, act? Seek to identify <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Examples to follow? Actions to obey? Knowledge to grow in? </div>
<p>Day 2 Proverbs 16:19 What I learned: How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 3 1 Corinthians 1:28 What I learned: How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 4 Ephesians 4:2 What I learned: How I will Respond:</p>	
<p>Day 5 1 Peter 5:6 What I learned: How I will Respond:</p>	