

HABITS **OF THE HEART**

WEEK 5

Welcome to week 5 of Habits Of The Heart

The habit of our heart that we are going to be discussing...
PRIDE...

We can't be in fellowship with Jesus until the proud self within us is broken. This simply means that the hard unyielding self, which justifies itself, wants its own way, stands up for its rights, and seeks its own glory, at last bows its head to God's will, admits its wrong, gives up its own way to Jesus, surrenders its rights and discards its own glory.

It is always self who gets irritable and envious and resentful and critical and worried. It is self who is hard and unyielding in its attitudes to others. It is self who is shy and self-conscious and reserved.

it's the subconscious reason you speed up when a car is passing you, even though you are not planning on going faster

Pride isn't simply thinking your the best, always right, smarter than everyone....

Pride is your hearts desire to focus on you. Exhault yourself, defend yourself, bring attention to yourself..

Reluctance to apologize - Focusing solely on your needs -
Defensiveness in conversations -

- When someone is talking, you are not listening, you are formulating a rebuttle.
- Seeing yourself as too good to perform certain tasks
- Thinking You are Better Than Others
- When You are Consistently Critical
- Unable to receive constructive criticism
- Overly obsessed with their physical appearance
- Unwilling to submit to authority
- Justifying our Sin instead of admitting it
- A Harsh Spirit
- Pride thrives off of constant attention
- Even self pity,
- We are the hero and the victim of our own story

At the center of pride is the is always pr"l"de - its focusing on "I"



Why do we need to deal with Pride?

1 Peter 5:5b (NLT)

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

God resists, set opposite to, range in battle against.
You cant be in fellowship with Him and be proud!

I've seen pride distroy marriages, destroy a teenagers mind chasing their own desires, people lose jobs, families broken,

IN THE CHURCH

Sanding the church lot.... That's a job for the grunts, not me.... two of the three were pastors

I've seen people over the years desire to exult themselves and even believe that "I should be the one leading...."

MEMORY

Memory Verse to replace pride..

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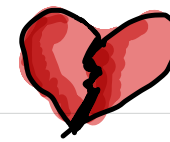
1 - Humility Serves - Pride Demands Service

Philippians 2:3-11 (NLT)

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

If Jesus was willing to leave heaven and come to earth for me, then what in the world is stopping me laying down my self for others?

2- We need to be broken



If we want to come into this right relationship with Him, the first thing we must learn is that our wills must be broken to His will.

Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The "I" needs to die.... Christ is now in charge!

Coming to grips with just how wicked your flesh is, how wretched you are and undeserving of His grace!

Mark 7:21-23 (NLT)

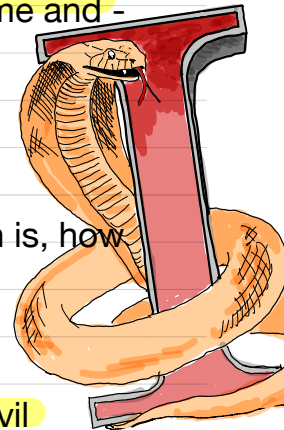
For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

Romans 7:18 (NLT)

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't.

Would Jesus say this? Would Jesus do this? ✓

The "I" needs to die.... Christ is now in charge! ✓



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In a marriage when Self is on the throne of the husband and self is on the throne of the wife... then there are ARGUMENTS ... each persons wants to win. We twist each others words and try to find ways to get the other to say they are wrong....

When Jesus is on the throne of your heart.... And He is on the throne of theirs..... Humility is present! In fact Jesus doesn't argue with Himself! This is why the greatest weapon if marriage is a passionate and intimate submission to Jesus! Now if you just thought, "That's what my spouse needs" - That's Pride!

Who is sitting there?



Proverbs 13:10 (NLT)

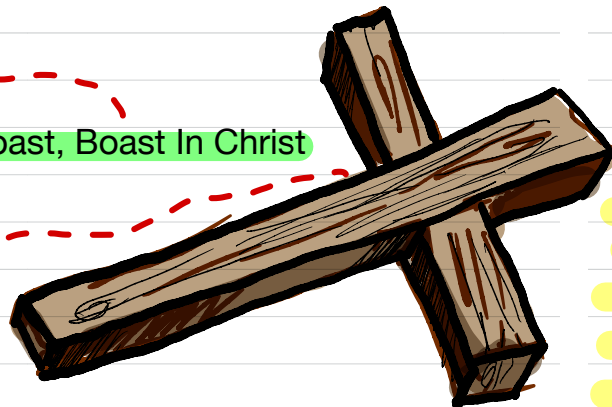
Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise.

The more you are broken before Jesus, the more you see the world through His eyes...

Submission to Jesus is the remedy for pride!

We are suppose to bring glory to God, not drawing attention to ourselves

3 - If You're Going To Boast, Boast In Christ



1 Corinthians 1:27-31 (NLT)

Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord."

Stop and think anout what He has done for you...

Ephesians 2:4-10 (NLT)

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Romans 5:1-6 (NLT)

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

One of the reasons we have an altar here is to give you an opportunity to humble yourself and do business with God! Some of you need to bring your wife up here and humble yourselves together under Jesus.

Repent and follow Jesus!

