

What is Love? - Love Does Not Boast

1 Cor. 1:25-31; 1 Cor. 4:7; 1 Cor. 13:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 4:6, 13-16

Boasting, Boasting, Everywhere

From the _____ to professional _____ and politics, we are surrounded by boasting.

There's something about boasting that makes us feel so good, we'll do it even with significant _____.

What is Boasting Exactly?

Boasting: *noun*, excessively proud and self-satisfied _____ about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities. *adj.* talk that exhibits or is characterized by excessive pride or self-satisfaction.

But boasting is not just an acknowledgment of perceived _____.

Boasting is actually a sort of "_____ " in something.

It's the placement of ultimate _____ in something.

What Happens When We Boast?

We are almost universally _____.

We are in many ways trying to cause others to _____ us.

We aren't just keeping *our* eyes focused on ourselves, we're inviting *everyone* to _____ on us.

We aren't in touch with _____. (Eph 2:8-9; James 4:13-16)

We are inviting the opposition of _____ to prove us wrong. (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5; Prov. 3:34)

When we boast, we give ourselves a toast and others a roast, but we lose the most.

Why Do We Boast?

Boasting boosts our ego. Last week we discussed the inner _____ affecting us all after the fall.

Envy is when we try to convince _____ that others' things will fill it.

Boasting is when we try to convince others that we aren't empty after all. We're a "_____."

Deep down, we know we aren't in _____. We know we aren't all we can be and should be.

Just as in the Garden Adam and Eve covered themselves with _____, we too are naked and _____.

The problem is, it never really works in the end. *Boasting puts confidence in a boat that won't float.*

How Do We Give Boasting the Boot?

Ending *envy* was about counting our _____. Booting *boasting* requires _____.

Humility is not thinking more of yourself, or less of yourself. It's thinking of yourself less.

Humility recognizes there is a name above every name, and none besides it that are above or below our own.

"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

How do you see *boasting* at work in your life? What "boats" are you putting confidence in that won't "float" in the end?

How is God encouraging you to give boasting the boot?

How is God asking you to put renewed confidence in him and "boast in the Lord?"