

Relationships 3.0

Love Does Not Parade Itself

I Corinthians 13:4 "Love is not proud."

What is pride ?

To puff up or blow up.

To try to appear bigger than I really am.

To parade myself and focus attention on myself.

To constantly do ego calculations.

EGO – Edging God Out

Signs of Pride

Big problem with receiving criticism but no problem with giving criticism.

Bitterness towards those who disagree with me.

Can't apologize or admit mistakes.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Problems Pride Produces

Misunderstandings

Arguments

Proverbs 13:10 "Pride only breeds quarrels"

Walls

Mark Twain "Temper gets us into trouble but pride keeps us there".

I Peter 5:5 All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Overcoming Pride in My Relationships

Acknowledge my weaknesses with honesty and my strengths with humility.

What is humility ?

C.S. Lewis "Humility is not thinking less of myself but thinking of myself less."

John Ortberg "Humility has to do with submitted willingness. It involves a healthy self-forgetfulness."

Be willing to accept advice

Proverbs 15:31 NLT If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise.

Romans 12:16 NLT Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

Decrease my desire to impress and increase my desire to impact.

Philippians 2:3-5 NLT Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. **4** Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **5** You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Matthew 20:27-28 NCV **27** Whoever wants to become first among you must serve the rest of you like a slave. **28** In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many people."

Find my security and significance in Christ's love

Ephesians 1:1-2 Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. **2** Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.