

Pride - The One Thing That Causes Us To Sink or Swim Week 8

Sermon Notes

<u>1 Pet 5:5-7 NLT</u> "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. "So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

<u>James 4:6</u> But He gives us even more grace to stand against such evil desires. As the scriptures say: God opposes the proud but favors the humble.

Proverbs 3: 34 The Lord mocks the mockers but is gracious to the humble

7 ways that Pride sinks us

1. Pride wrecks our Reputation

Prov 11:2 (NCV) "Pride leads only to shame, it is wise to be humble"

2. Pride kills our Self-awareness

Gal 6:3 If you think you are to important too help someone, you are only fooling yourself, you are not that important

3. Pride <u>causes</u> Arguments

Prov 13:10 "Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise.

Political Discord

- 1. Find a common ground
- 2. Agree on boundaries
- 3. Actively Listen
- 4. Fact check
- 5. Focus on a solution

4. Pride is unloving

1 Corinth 13:4 (NLT) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud

5. Pride is sinful

Prov 21:4 (NCV)"proud looks, proud thoughts and evil actions are sin.

6. Pride distances us from God

Ps 138:6 (NLT) "Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble, but he keeps his distance from the proud

7. Pride destroys us

Prov 16:18 (GN) "Pride leads to destruction, and arrogance to downfall."

How to keep Pride from sinking yourself

1. Change how you see yourself and others

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

- Regularly reflect on your thoughts and actions and ask God for insight into potential problems.
- Have an accountability partner someone who will be honest with you
- Focus on contribution not comparison
- Practice gratitude
- 2. Trust God knows whats best for you and when

Romans 3:27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.

Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

<u>Habakkuh 2:3</u> For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.