

How would you like to see your relationship with Jesus impact your life — specifically when it comes to pride and humility?

Thank God today that He knows when it is best to lift up and bring low. Pray that you will trust His timing and ways in your life. Pray that your relationship with Him will change your heart and your actions.

Saturday

Please read Philippians 2:6–11. How do you think focusing on Jesus can build an attitude of humility?

Thank God today for Jesus' example of humility. Pray that as life comes at you, you will focus on Jesus' example of both grace and humility. Please pray for the services this weekend. Ask God to bless all that happens at TLC and grow a sense of family.



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The Cure for Your "I" Problem

HOW TO STOP SABOTAGING YOUR LIFE
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We all have an "I" problem: _____

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.
Proverbs 11:2

Three Questions for Curing My "I" Problem

1. What is Pride?

• Pride is _____

A man who lacks judgment **derides his neighbor**, but a man of understanding holds his tongue. *Proverbs 11:12*

"Pride gets no pleasure in having something. Pride only derives happiness from having more than the other person. Proud people are not really proud of being successful or intelligent or good-looking. They are proud of having more success, more intelligence, and more good looks than those around them." —C.S. Lewis

• Pride is _____

Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
Proverbs 13:10

• Pride is _____

He who **trusts in himself is a fool**, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.
Proverbs 28:26

2. Why Is Pride Bad?

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

PRACTICAL REASON: Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin. *Proverbs 21:4 ESV (See Proverbs 3:10)*

COSMIC REASON: The LORD tears down the proud man's house but he keeps the widow's boundaries intact. *Proverbs 15:25*

When you're proud, you're on a collision course with _____

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. *James 4:6,1 Peter 5:5*

The foundation of personal peace is realizing two facts: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. What's the Cure for Pride?

If pride gives birth to _____, humility gives birth to _____

The fear of the LORD teaches wisdom; humility precedes honor. *Proverbs 15:33*

Jesus: "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." *Luke 14:11*

- Find the _____ that only the humble can get
- Use the _____ to erode the power of pride

If you want to grow in humility:

Don't focus on _____; focus on _____

[Jesus] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:6-11*

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Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read Proverbs 11:2. How did God use last weekend's sermon in your life and heart?

How has pride manifested itself in your life lately? How has that impacted you and your relationships?

Thank God today for the opportunity to be challenged in this area of pride. Ask God to use this week's study to help grow you in humility — not so you can be proud of your humility — but so you can be more like Jesus!

Tuesday

Please read Proverbs 11:12. The verses this week are going to hit us all! Think about your recent words and thoughts. How have you been nursing an attitude of feeling better than someone?

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Why do you feel better than that person (or maybe it's a group of people who differ from you)?

Think about your next encounter with that person or different idea. Write down some strategies for holding your tongue and showing value and esteem towards others.

Thank God today that He made you! Talk to Him about your struggles with feeling better than others or wanting to cut others down to lift yourself up. Pray for strength and willingness to hold your tongue and a sincere desire to rejoice in the strengths and success of others.

Wednesday

Please read Proverbs 13:10 & 28:26. Today's focus on how pride causes us to set ourselves up as the center of the universe! The reasons we want to do this can be deep — and the acting of this can be subtle, but it's there in all of us!

How have you seen the truth of Proverbs 13:10 in your relationships? What relationship in your life is quarrelsome right now? How is your pride contributing to that struggle?

How does trusting in God instead of yourself help you avoid pride?

Thank God today that He is God and has all the power necessary (and more!) to handle anything! Talk to Him about any struggles you're having when it comes to surrendering control to Him. Ask God to give you an "I don't have to win" attitude when it comes to relationships.

Thursday

Please read Proverbs 15:25, 16:18, 21:4, James 4:6 & 1 Peter 5:5. As you read these verses today how do you see your struggles with pride setting you on a collision course with God?

Spend an extended time in prayer today thanking God for the simple fact that He is God. Thank Him for His love for you, for His grace, for His power and His wisdom. Say out loud before God that you acknowledge that you are not in charge — you are not God. Ask Him to build into you a humility based on confidence in your standing before God and humble words and actions that are filled with His wisdom and grace.

Friday

Please read Proverbs 15:33 & Luke 14:11. In what ways have you seen the truth of these two verses in the past?

What do you think are the advantages of waiting for God to lift you up as opposed to lifting yourself up?



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