THE PITFALLS OF PRIDE

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The Pitfalls of Pride

- Last Week: The Humility Essential
- A Different Way To The Top In The Kingdom
  
  (James 4:10 NIV) Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

- IF WE WANT A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD – WE MUST HUMBLE OURSELVES AND COME NEAR TO GOD.
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• **Pride Can Be Destructive To Us And To Those Around Us**
• **PRIDEFUL PITFALL #1 -- JUDGING THE BRETHREN**

• (James 4:11-12 NIV) *Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. (12) There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?*
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- James Here Is Dealing With The Prideful Pitfall Of:
  - Slandering One Another
  - Speaking Against Or Judging Brother

- James asks a very pertinent question:
  - Who Are You To Judge Your Neighbor? That Is God’s Job
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• Boasting About Tomorrow – Presumptuous Living

• (James 4:13-17 NIV) Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." (14) Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. (15) Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." (16) As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. (17) Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.
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• #1) *What Happens Tomorrow Is The Lord’s Will*
• #2) *Boasting And Bragging Is Evil*
• *If We Boast In Anything It Is To Be In Our Weaknesses And That We Are Totally Dependent Upon The Lord*
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• Self-Centered Pride = An Unwelcome Attitude In A Believer

• Pride Puts Up A Wall Between Us And God

• Pride Must Be Dealt With Before God Can Use Us
  • King Saul
  • Peter
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• (James 4:11 NIV) Brothers, do not slander one another…

• To Slander = To Speak Evil -- To Malign --
  To Put Others Down Rather Than Building Them Up.

• Criticism Comes From The Devil -- Accuser Of The Brethren
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• The Biblical Injunctions Against Slander Do Not Prohibit Rebuking Those Who Persist In Unrepentant Sin.

• Public Exposure Of Sin Is Commanded In Scripture. (Matthew 18:15–17)

• Corporate Discipline Is Proper For Judgment Of Church Members

• Those Who Refuse To Repent After Private Warnings Are To Be Rebuked Publicly Before The Church.
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• One Major Difference Between Us And God Is In Our Inability To See The Whole Picture

• God Sees What Is In A Man's Heart

• When He Judges -- He Does So Justly

• Prideful Judging Is Without Love -- Mercy -- Grace
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- Q. WHAT’S WRONG WITH JUDGING?

- A. When we judge others, we are taking upon ourselves a role which belongs only to God. He alone is qualified to pass judgment on others.
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• Boasting About Tomorrow=The Sin Of Presumption

• Pride Leads To Arrogance And Un-Yielded Self Confidence

• Pride And Arrogance Is An Accurate Picture Of Satan And His Rebellion
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• Humility Is Not Arrogant Or Pridefully Self Confident

• Apart From The Will Of God —— Life Is A Mystery!

• Only God Is Infinite And All Knowing
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• Instead Of Prideful Presumption We Need To Include The Lord In Our Plans And Planning

• James Commends The Humble Christian Believer Who In Their Behavior And Plans Consistently Show Forth A True Sense Of Dependence Upon The Lord

• The Real Problem Of Pride In This Issue Is Leaving God Out Of The Plan
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• The solution to avoiding boasting is to maintain a godly perspective. Instead of making big plans on the human plane, We must expand our view to include God in the picture and planning.

  • Walvoord, John F.; Zuck, Roy B.; Dallas Theological Seminary: The Bible Knowledge Commentary

• Why Would A Christian Go Ahead And Set Their Life Course Without Considering God's Will: **PRIDE!**
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• Pride Goes Along With
  • Arrogance
  • Confidence
  • Prayerlessness

• Someone Who Thinks They Can Get Through Life And Make All The Plans Ahead Of Time -- Without Consulting God
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• “What Is Faulty About Boasting About Tomorrow Is The False Assumption That We Have The Power To Control Our Own Destinies”

• Boasting Is The Pride Of Life
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Steps in Developing Humility

1. Renounce strife! (James 4:1, 2)
2. Renounce rebellion! (James 4:7)
3. Be quick to confess sin (James 4:8)
4. Renounce slander! (James 4:11)
5. Express continued dependence upon God! (James 4:13-16)
6. Do the good you know to do! (James 4:17)