

Holding on to Hope: Overcoming Life's Unexpected Challenges

Week 4: Overcoming Pride

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James 3:13 (The Message Bible)

Introduction: Our ___ is a gift from God. Who we _____ in this life is our gift to God.

Week 1: Overcoming Cynicism: "The more you _____, the more you hurt."

Your past is not your future if _____ is involved!

Week 2: Overcoming Temptation: Put your _____ first; make your ___ match your walk.

Refuse to _____.

Week 3: Overcoming Disconnection: Loving our specific neighbors requires _____ them and spending time with them.

This Week: Overcoming Pride

Here's the problem: It's easy to spot pride in _____ people.

You might have a pride problem if: You need to be the _____ of attention.

You might have a pride problem if: You _____ people.

You might have a pride problem if: You can't, don't, or won't _____ the success of others.

You might have a pride problem if: You think you are _____ than.

"Pride will cost you friendships, intimacy, respect, lost opportunities, rest, peace of mind, wisdom, and even money. It's hard to imagine the stakes being much higher." – Carey Nieuwhof

When Insecurity Drives Pride: 1. "Comparrogance – arrogance born of comparison."

What it sounds like: "I'm not _____, but at least I'm not as bad off as some other people."

2. When your opinion of yourself rises and falls with _____ or what others say about you.

"When work is your identity, success goes to your head, and failure goes to your heart." – Tim Keller

There's a big difference between taking things seriously and taking things _____.

Who we are and what we do are two _____ things.

"Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real." – Thomas Merton

All who _____ themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be _____.

Habits of the Humble: Only Humility Will Get You Out of What Pride Got You Into

Pride = "___ know best." Humility = "_____ knows best."

Choose humility over _____.

Let God _____ you up.

Never lose your _____.

Humility _____ from anyone, anytime, anywhere.

"Of all the lies we tell, the ones we tell ourselves are the deadliest Unconfessed and unaddressed, they will continue to damage the people around us (and us) indefinitely. Level with yourself and with God." – Carey Nieuwhof

Action Steps: Hold the _____ for others to go in front of you, and stay behind them in line.

Express your _____ every day to others and to God. Say "Thank you."

Celebrate someone else's success _____ this week.

Get ridiculously _____ with yourself and with God.