

The Emptiness of Pride

A study in 1 Cor. 4:6-13

I. Introduction

1. **Pro. 16:18** – “Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.”
2. **Pro. 22:4** – “The reward of humility *and* the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor, and life.”

II. It's all fun and games until...

1. We put ourselves in spiritual danger when we step out _____ the Lord
2. The Christian life cannot be lived without _____
3. Everything that is good in this world and in heaven has been _____ by us---it has been _____ to us
 - i. Life---breath
 - ii. The opportunity to be saved
 - iii. Christ
 1. Salvation
 2. *All* wisdom and *all* knowledge
 3. Eternal life in heaven
 4. Judging angels
 5. Victory over every enemy of God
 6. Healing
 - iv. The Holy Spirit to guide us in our sanctification
 1. Every spiritual gift

III. What the Apostles of Christ have shown us

1. Paul (and the other leaders in the Church) were keenly aware of their lack of _____ and _____ anywhere they went
2. The leaders in God's Church are to be the _____ of humility and faithfulness

IV. Conclusion

1. The Corinthians had an arrogance problem that was stirring up big trouble in their lives
2. Paul reminds Christians that he (and the other apostles) endured, and would continue to suffer, tremendous hardship, ridicule, and persecution with gladness to the Lord.
3. Paul takes every opportunity to remind them to follow his example as they are being raised in the faith by him as a father would to his small children.

Answer Key:

I. Introduction

II. It's all fun and games until...

1. We put ourselves in spiritual danger when we step out **BEYOND** the Lord
2. The Christian life cannot be lived without **HUMILITY**
3. Everything that is good in this world and in heaven has been **RECEIVED** by us---it has been **GIVEN** to us

III. What the Apostles of Christ have shown us

1. Paul (and the other leaders in the Church) were keenly aware of their lack of **STATUS** and **PROMINENCE** anywhere they went
2. The leaders in God's Church are to be the **EXAMPLES** of humility and faithfulness

IV. Conclusion