

WEEK SIX

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)

“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.”

Romans 12:3 (NIV)

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NLT)

“In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. 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.”

John 15:5 (NLT)

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. But apart from me you can do nothing.”

James 3:13-18 (NLT)

“If you are wise and understand God’s ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don’t cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.”

1. What was your biggest takeaway from this weekend’s message?
2. How do you see people expressing prideful attitudes in their daily lives?
3. What are some positive types of pride? What are some negative types of pride? How do they differ?
4. How would a prideful person even know they’re being prideful? How would it be possible to help them see their prideful attitudes? And if it was you, how would you even know?
5. Pastor Steve shared five signs that pride might be problem in your life:
 1. You often compare yourself to others.
 2. Your self-worth is determined by your latest performance.
 3. You can’t celebrate someone else’s success.
 4. You squeeze gifted people out of your life.
 5. You want some say in everything.Can you think of a time when you caught yourself falling into one of these negative, prideful behaviors? How did that go for you?
6. If humility is the antidote to pride, what would you say are the attitudes and behaviors of a consistently humble person?
7. Who is one of the humblest people you know and what do you admire most about them? What would it take for you to become humble, just like them?
8. As you wrap up your time together, re-read James 3:13-18. Ask how each of you can pray for and encourage each other as you seek to become humbler, taking on the attitude of Christ.

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