



Northside Proclaimer

Proclaiming The Word Of The Lord

1 Thessalonians 1:8

Northside Church Of Christ Welcomes You!

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Pride

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The pride condemned in the Bible is not to be confused with self-respect and dignity. The Bible clearly shows that we must love and respect ourselves (Matt. 22:39; Eph. 5:28).

Arrogance and too high of an opinion of oneself is a sin (Rom. 12:3). Proverbs 21:4 says, "A haughty look, a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked are sin." When Solomon listed seven things which the Lord abhors, he mentioned "a proud look" first. Some suggest that it is put first because it is at the bottom of all disobedience. Not only is pride sinful, it leads to other sins.

PRIDE LEADS TO STUBBORNNESS AND REBELLION. Nowhere is this more evident than in the example of King Saul. Saul was plainly commanded by God to go and to utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites. Saul, in his stubbornness and rebellion, spared the Amalekite king and the best of the animals for sacrifice. When Samuel rebuked him for his error, he reminded King Saul of what it was that qualified him for the crown to begin with: "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the Lord anoint you king over Israel?" (1 Sam. 15:17). While Saul was humble, things went well for him. Then, the power which went along with being king went to Saul's head. Samuel showed Saul that it was pride which led him to "do evil in the sight of the Lord" (1 Sam. 15:19). How much of our own disobedience is traceable to the pride which fills our hearts?

PRIDE LEADS TO A REFUSAL TO CONFESS OUR SINS. It is not difficult to say "we all sin", or "he sinned." But we find it hard sometimes to say "I have sinned." After David had committed adultery with Bathsheba he humbly confessed his sin by saying, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Sam. 12:13). Confession is good for the soul, but hard on pride. Do you need to confess sin to God or to a brother whom you have wronged? Empty yourself of pride so that you may do the right thing.

PRIDE PREVENTS CONVERSION. Jesus taught, in Matthew 18:3-4, that in order to be converted one must humble himself as a little child. The problem with the Pharisee who prayed, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector...", was that he exalted himself and trusted in himself that he was righteous (Lk. 18:13). In order to be converted a person must be humble enough to admit that he is a poor, miserable, pathetic sinner.

God's kingdom is made up of people who have humble, submissive, ruleable spirits. Admit that "the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23). Willingly place yourself under the rule of Christ the King.

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Announcements

- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Remember the spiritual sick among us.
- Call or email me to add announcements, thanks.

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Sep 6 Ezek 32-34
Sep 7 Ezek 35-37
Sep 8 Ezek 38-39
Sep 9 Ezek 40-41
Sep 10 Ezek 42-43
Sep 11 Ezek 44-45
Sep 12 Ezek 46-48

Improve Your Life

Frank Himmel

1. Turn off the TV and read your Bible. The Psalmist said of the blessed man, "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night" (Ps. 1:2).
2. Hang up the phone and pray. I never cease to be amazed at how much time some people spend on their cell phones. Is all that talking necessary or profitable? "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" (Jas. 5:16).
3. Get up out of bed an hour earlier and come to Bible study on Sunday. "As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed" (Prov. 26:14).
4. Cut down your credit card purchases and give. Give to the poor. Increase your contribution at church. "One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed" (Prov. 19:17). "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).
5. Change the conversation from sports, weather, and politics to spiritual things. Do that at home. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:6-7). Do that at work, too. "He who wins souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30).

We had 12 people sign up for a home Bible study at the fair yesterday!