

PRIDE

November 3, 2019

Pride is the first and most fundamental sin

If we did not *believe* that we know better than God and *act* on that belief, we would never commit any other sins! Pride makes us misunderstand, judge, distort, and reject God's truths, actions, and commands.

Genesis 3, James 4:10, Luke 18:9-14

Break free from pride

We must intentionally choose God's thoughts, feelings, and choices over our own. We need help to identify, confess, and repent of our pride.

Proverbs 11:2 & 16:8, Isaiah 2:17, Leviticus 26:18

Focus on humility

To think of others more than ourselves is to live out our true identity. We must invest every gift God gives us and work with each other to accomplish God's dreams for our lives.

John 13:1-17, Philippians 2:1-11, Ephesians 5:1-2, 21

1 Peter 2:11-17, Colossians 3:12, James 3:13, 1 Peter 5:5

Focus on faith

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Hebrews 6:1,12, 10:38-39, and 11-12

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Bible Study	Study all these passages on your own, this week.
Fasting	Take a break from something you only do for praise.
Fellowship	Find an accountability partner (a.k.a. a "blessing group").
Meditation	Explore <i>Psalms</i> , enjoy nature, and stand in awe of God.
Prayer	Ask God what He wants you to change or do next.
Secrecy	Do something great for someone—but don't tell anyone!
Service	Do something someone else really wants or needs.
Silence	Shut off all the noise and give God space and time to talk.
Solitude	Make some time to be totally alone with God.
Simplicity	Get rid of something you only have to "look good."
Stewardship	Share or use something you have to bless someone else.
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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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Share one way your pride has led you away from God and His purposes.
Share one way your humility and faith have helped you experience God.

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Confess one area of your life where you really struggle with pride.

Share how you will repent of this and fully submit in this area.

Pray specifically about these things as a group and each day.

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Share a specific way you will choose “to think of yourself less.”

Share a specific gift or resource you will use to bless someone else.

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