

Breaking Free From Besetting Sins

The Cure for Pride

I. Introduction

- A. How do I get the _____ to make the _____ in my life I want to make?
1. James 4:6 (NAS) *But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."*
 2. God's _____ and desire to do God's will in any situation.
 3. John 1:14 (NAS) *"Jesus was full of grace and truth."*
- B. Two Kinds of Pride:
1. "_____" pride - - self-respect, dignity, satisfaction in a job well done, joy in seeing others succeed, etc.
 2. "_____" pride - - conceit, egotism, selfishness, attitude of superiority, etc.
- C. Pride is very easy to see in _____ people, but it's hard to see in _____.

II. Problems that Pride Causes:

- A. Pride prevents me from _____.
1. Proverbs 26:12 (NLT) *There is more hope for fools than for people who think they are wise.*
 2. Proverbs 10:17 (NAS) *He is on the path of life who heeds instruction, but he who ignores reproof goes astray.*
 3. Pride keeps me from getting any _____.
 4. Most people would rather _____ smart than _____ smart!
- B. Pride _____ my relationships.
1. When we act out of pride, we tend to be _____ and unsympathetic.
 2. "____ way is the _____ way!"
 3. The root of so many marriage problems is plain, old _____!
 4. When I refuse to admit that _____ part of the _____, that's pride.
 5. So many family _____ could be resolved if we'd just admit our pride and _____ ourselves before each other.
 6. The key to reconciliation: _____ your _____!
- C. Pride causes _____ and _____.
1. When I'm prideful, I worry a lot about my "_____."
 2. We live in a very "____-_____" society! We're very concerned about status, image, position, etc.
 - a. Part of what pride is, is the _____ of _____.
 - b. Proverbs 29:25 (NAS) *The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.*
 3. Pride can cause _____.
 4. _____ is the mark of an emotionally _____ person!

III. The Way to Humility and Happiness:

- A. _____ my _____ honestly.
1. Proverbs 28:13 (NAS) *He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.*
 2. If I don't _____ my weaknesses, I can't _____ on them.
- B. _____ my _____ realistically.
1. Pride is based on a _____ evaluation of ourselves. Humility is based on _____ and reality.
 2. Romans 12:3a (NLT) *Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of*

yourselves.

3. Humility does not mean putting yourself _____.
4. Humility is being _____ about your weaknesses and _____ for your strengths!
5. Your strengths are given to you by ____! They're nothing to be _____ about!

- C. Be _____ for my _____.
1. James 1:17a (NAS) *Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.*
 2. Psalm 24:1 (NAS) *The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.*
 3. _____ you have comes from ____!
 4. Always remember two things:
 - a. _____ is the source of my _____.
 - b. Where I've _____ from.
- D. _____ others _____.
1. The rise of _____ in America comes from the "____" generation, "What's best for me?"
 - a. When you live only for _____, you're asking for _____.
 - b. The more you _____ other people, the more it gets the focus off of _____ and lifts you out of depression.
 2. Philippians 2:3-4 (NAS) *³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*
- E. _____ myself _____.
1. James 4:10 (NAS) *Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.*
 2. Humility is a _____. It's something you do!
 - a. It's a _____ of the way you think, talk, act, respond to others, etc.
 3. If you _____ yourself, God _____ to exalt you!

IV. Conclusion