

The Pain Of Pride

Outline – September 1, 2024

1 Samuel 2:1-10

It's The Little Things

- I. Some basic principles about the little things**
 - A. Jesus said “Faithful over a little, I will make you master over much” (Matthew 25:23)
 - B. Little things make a house a home - John Denver
 - C. Little things add up, such as sand in the shoes
- II. The warning throughout the Bible: beware of pride**
 - A. The nation of Israel was warned
 - 1. But they did not heed the warning
 - 2. They were defeated
 - B. As believers develop into disciples, we need to be careful of pride
- III. The danger of pride**
 - A. Our culture is all about pride
 - B. Pride destroys marriages
 - 1. Families
 - 2. Homes
 - C. Pride destroys churches
 - D. Pride destroys nations
 - E. It divides
 - F. It deceives
 - G. People who struggle with pride don't always recognize it is pride that is destroying them
- IV. What pride is not**
 - A. Pride is not having a good self-image
 - 1. Being pleased with job well done
 - 2. Being pleased with accomplishment of others
 - B. As followers of Jesus, we have benefits that we

can be excited and grateful

- C. Humility is not thinking lowly of yourself

It's not thinking of yourself

V. What is pride?

- A. Going through life independent of God
 - 1. Telling God “stay out”
 - 2. I am master of my ship
 - 3. I am captain of my soul
- B. Pride is a spirit of ingratitude
 - 1. Entitlement
 - 2. Expectation
- C. Esteeming yourself as better than others
- D. Pride is at war with God
 - 1. God is opposed to the proud (James 4:6)
 - 2. Pride brings hell up

VI. Symptoms of pride

- A. Irritation when corrected for mistakes
- B. Pride doesn't admit to mistakes
- C. Pride has no sense of loyalty or attachment
- D. Pride refuses to take counsel or learn from others
- E. Pride has an ungrateful spirit for all that God has done
- F. Pride is in constant competition with other people to prove superiority

VII. How pride will ruin your life

- A. Pride defies God
 - 1. Adam and Eve
 - 2. Lucifer (Isaiah 14)
 - a. I will ascend
 - b. I will exalt
 - c. I will be like most high
 - 3. The cornerstone of atheism is pride
- B. Pride defiles humanity

1. It comes out of our sin nature (Mark 7:21-22)
2. Never thankful
3. Never acknowledges
4. Never recognizes

C. Pride divides people

1. Families divide
2. Relationships end
3. Churches split
4. War is declared
5. Takes you out of fellowship with God
6. Arguments are about pride
7. Pride creates contention

D. Pride dishonors life

1. Domestic ruin
2. National ruin
3. Financial ruin
4. Emotional ruin

E. Pride devastates life

1. It causes failure
2. It causes you to fall
3. It brings you low

F. Pride destroys the soul

1. Story of 2 people in the temple
2. One left dignified, one left justified

VIII. The power of humility

A. Humility's greatest symptoms

1. A giver not a taker
2. A servant, not selfish

B. Blesses

1. Marriages
2. Families
3. Churches
4. Communities

C. It's a journey not a destination, a constant pursuit

D. Attributes

1. Meet people where they are
2. Serve
3. Apologize
4. Listen

E. Formula:

Proud + Proud = Battle

Proud + Humble = Abuse

Humble + Humble = Blessing

F. How do you measure where you are?

1. How often do you pray?
What do you pray about?
2. How much counsel do you seek?
3. How often do you worship?
4. Who did you serve in the past week?
5. Where did you apply the Word of God?

IX. The grace of God says:

- A. No one is so bad that God cannot save, instantly and eternally
- B. No one is so good they need not turn to Jesus to be saved

Which Describes You?

That Depends On Your Pride