

Transformed  
From Pride to Humility

Reflect

- 1) How would you define pride?
- 2) Pride is #1 on the list of deadly sins. Why do you think that is so?
- 3) In what ways does pride affect our relationship with other human beings?

Read Your Bible

- 2 Corinthians 3:5
- Romans 12:3
- Matthew 23:12
- Luke 12:16-21

Apply God's Word to Your Life

- 1) The rich man in the parable in Luke had an "I" problem. What was that problem?
- 2) Why do you think Jesus condemned the rich man as a fool?
- 3) In what ways does pride distance human beings from God?
- 4) Based on your reading of the above scriptures, what is the antidote to pride?
- 5) Why do you think God desires His people to have humble hearts?
- 6) What are some ways to develop an attitude of humility that represents who we are as followers of Jesus?

Pride is the deadliest of all the deadly sins. All human beings struggle with pride. We all secretly love a gospel that relies on me, myself and I. The reason is that if am self-reliant I don't have to answer to anybody including God. I can do anything I want and I am not accountable to anyone. This leads to arrogance and a distancing from God to the point of disobedience and eventually, unbelief. Humility is the antidote to pride. A humble heart bends a knee to God, confessing both a need for God's forgiveness and a desire to have our lives transformed by His amazing grace. A humble heart looks at the cross of Christ and sees a vision of the humility of God that draws us towards an image of humility that changed the world and is changing the lives of all who follow Him. Our challenge is to take the words of scripture at face value, "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."

Pray

I confess O Lord, I am by nature filled with pride. My pride distances me from You. But You know, O God, the desire of my heart is to humble myself in Your presence and become more like Your Son who is the image of humility I desire to emulate. Do Your work in me Lord. Transform my heart and mind from pride to humility following the example of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.