

OVERCOMING PRIDE

According to Proverbs 6:16-19 and 8:13, God hates _____, but it is difficult to eradicate from our hearts

The core principle for overcoming pride is revealed in part or whole in these passages: Proverbs 3:34, 11:2, 16:5, 16:1,; 18:12 , 29:23, Matthew 23:12, 18:4, 5:3, 20:6-7, Philippians 2:3-11, 1 Peter 5:5-7, James 4:6 & 10

This core principle is summarized: God hates pride but blesses humility. Humility leads to _____

I. THE CORE PRINCIPLE

A. God _____ the Proud

1) 1 Peter 5:5 & James 4:6 use the word “resist” which speaks of king arraying his troops for _____

2) When we display pride, God arrays his heavenly troops _____ us—God goes to battle with us

B. Humility Precedes _____

1) The path to blessing looks like a parabola: we must go _____ before we can go up

2) Humility calls for me to deny myself, but in the end humility results in myself being _____

C. Exaltation Is Due to _____

We do not _____ exaltation by being humble; rather God gives us blessing based on His grace

The first way in which we overcome pride is to _____ this principle & make it part of our framework for living

II. APPLICATIONS OF THE CORE PRINCIPLE

A. It Is _____ in the Life and Times of Jesus Christ *Phil. 2:5-9*

1) V. 6 indicates that Jesus was willing to give up His _____ to equality with the Father to serve us

2) V. 7 says that He _____ Himself—voluntarily suspended the exercise of his divine prerogatives

3) Vv. 8-9 trace the steps in Jesus’ _____ that He undertook to serve us and meet our needs

4) V. 5 reveals a _____ to battle pride: if Christ humbled Himself to serve us, we must do the same

B. It Is Established in the _____ and Our Salvation

1) We must humble ourselves to be saved—we must admit our _____—that we cannot please God

2) We can battle pride by preaching the gospel to ourselves everyday: when we _____ our sins each day we must say that they deserve Hell and thank Jesus for delivering us by His death

C. It Is Exhibited in Our Conduct Toward _____ *Phil. 2:3-4*

1) How can we “esteem others better than ourselves” if that is not what we truly think about another?

a) Each day give _____ to God for one person you know and the contributions he/she makes

b) We can even take the additional step of thanking or _____ that person for his/her contributions

2) We can make v. 4 practical by thinking of one person each day that we can _____ in some way

D. It Is Exposed under Difficult _____ *1 Peter 5:6-7*

1) The “mighty hand of God” = God working through _____ circumstances that He sends in our lives

2) We must profit from these negative experiences; we must let them humble us in 2 ways:

a) Negative circumstances must remind us that we actually deserve worse: an eternal _____

b) When bad things happen, I must confess that I can’t handle it and cast my _____ on God