

**FREEDOM FROM PRIDE**  
**#SermonPride**  
**The Power of Freedom - Part 1**  
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**James 4:6b** ...the Scripture says, "**God is against the proud**, but he **gives grace to the humble.**" (ICB)

**How Pride Causes Problems**

**1. IT PREVENTS ME FROM GROWING**

**Proverbs 26:12** Have you met **a person who thinks he is wise?** There is **more hope for a fool** than for him. (GW)

**Proverbs 10:17** Anyone willing to be corrected is on the pathway to life. Anyone refusing has **lost his chance.** (LB)

**2. IT POISONS MY RELATIONSHIPS**

**Proverbs 13:10a** Pride only **breeds quarrels...** (NIV)

**Matthew 7:5** First **take the log out of your own eye,** and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. (NRSV)

**3. IT PRODUCES STRESS AND ANXIETY**

**Proverbs 29:25** **It is dangerous** to be concerned with what others think of you... (TEV)

**Matthew 5:5** **Happy** are those who are **humble...** (TEV)

**How to Be Humble and Happy**

**1. EVALUATE MYSELF REALISTICALLY**

**Romans 12:3** ...Don't cherish **exaggerated ideas of yourself** or **your importance,** but try to have a **sane estimate** of your capabilities... (PH)

**Luke 18:9-12** Jesus told a story to some people who **thought they were better than others** and who **looked down on everyone else:** <sup>10</sup> Two men went into the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood over by himself and prayed, "God, **I** thank you that **I** am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful in marriage like other people. And **I** am really glad that **I** am not like that tax collector over

there. <sup>12</sup> I go without eating for two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all I earn." (CEV)

## 2. SERVE OTHERS UNSELFISHLY

**Philippians 2:3-5** When you do things, **do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble** and give more honor to others than to yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others. <sup>5</sup> In your lives **you must think and act like Christ Jesus**. (ICB)

**1 Peter 5:5a** All of you must **put on the apron of humility, to serve one another...** (TEV)

## 3. HUMBLE MYSELF VOLUNTARILY

**1 Peter 5:6** **Humble yourselves**, then, under God's mighty hand, so that **he will lift you up** in his own good time. (TEV)

**Proverbs 16:18** **Pride will destroy a person; a proud attitude leads to ruin.** (NCV)

**Luke 18:13-14** Then Jesus said, "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, **returned home justified before God**. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (NLT)

**Galatians 2:16** ...a person is **justified not by the works** of the law but **through faith in Jesus Christ**. And we have come to **believe in Christ Jesus**, so that we might be **justified by faith in Christ**, and **not by doing the works** of the law, because **no one will be justified by the works** of the law. (NRSV)