

the art of living

WEEK 2: OVERCOMING PRIDE

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A successful life is one that experiences God's best in every area of life.

Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. *Proverbs 1:3*

Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. *Proverbs 11:2*

The Lord tears down the house of the **proud**... *Proverbs 15:25*

Pride goes before destruction, and **haughtiness** before a fall. *Proverbs 16:18*

Pride is _____ yourself.

Why is pride so dangerous?

1. A prideful person thinks they are _____.

They confronted King Uzziah and said, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is the work of the priests alone, the descendants of Aaron who are set apart for this work. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have sinned. The Lord God will not honor you for this!" *2 Chronicles 26:18*

"I knew my actions were wrong, but I convinced myself that the normal rules didn't apply... I felt that I had worked hard my entire life and deserved to enjoy all the temptations around me. I felt entitled." — Tiger Woods

2. A prideful person is _____.

But Rehoboam spoke harshly to the people, for he rejected the advice of the older counselors and followed the counsel of his younger advisors. He told the people, "My father laid heavy burdens on you, but I am going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!" *1 Kings 12:13-14*

3. A prideful person turns _____.

4. A prideful person cannot _____.

You overcome the destructive forces of pride through _____.

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." — C.S. Lewis

Pride ends in humiliation, while **humility** brings honor. *Proverbs 29:23*

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. *Psalms 25:9*

How do we grow in humility?

1. Realize it's a _____.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. *James 4:10*

2. Reflect on what you _____.

3. Reflect on what you _____.

"The humble person knows that what they don't know and can't do far outweighs what they do know and can do." — John Dickson

4. Place yourself _____ every day.

Humility is a proper view of ourselves in light of who God is.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12