



KILLING *the* KILLERS

Seven - Pride

When you think of prideful people, what famous person comes to mind? What is it about their demeanor that makes you think they are prideful?

Scripture says that pride comes before a fall, how have you experienced or witnessed that happening?

Pride is the sin we point out in others and justify within ourselves. Why is pride so hard for us to see in the mirror?

Like every other sin, pride is an issue of the disordered affections of the heart.

Read: Isaiah 43:7, Ephesians 2:10, Isaiah 26:3

God created us for His glory, to accomplish His purposes, and when we live for those things He brings peace and satisfaction to our lives. How does pride get in the way of that?

Read: 2 Corinthians 7:4, Galatians 6:4-5, Ecclesiastes 3:22

The Bible does teach a healthy level of pride, how do you know when you have crossed the line?

Why pride is dumb.

God hates pride. - Proverbs 16:5

If God hates pride so much, why does it still have such a strong place in our lives?

We have no reason for it. - James 1:17-18, Ephesians 1:3-5

If God is the source of every good and perfect gift, and if God has given us all our gifts talents and abilities, what can we take credit for?

Pride is devoid of love. - John 15:13

How do you see pride as the enemy of love?

“For those who would learn God’s ways, humility is the first thing, humility is the second, and humility is the third.”

-Augustine

True humility comes by cultivating the mind that seeks only to serve others without either recognition or reward.

-Joseph Blanchard

When you think of humility, is there a person comes to mind? What is it about that person that makes you think that?

Cultivating Humility

1. Know and acknowledge the source. - 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

How do we keep a healthy balance of knowing that we are doing well and that God is the reason for our success?

2. Trust God - 1 Peter 5:6-11

What does giving our worries and cares to God have to do with humbling ourselves to Him?

If you belong to Jesus, then everything that happens, ultimately happens for you.

-Tim Keller

What would happen if we cultivated the attitude that says “I trust God so much that I will believe that what ever happens is for my good.”?

3. Love First - Matthew 5:43-48, Luke 10:27

Issues with pride almost always end up damaging relationships. Why is pride so hurtful?

How is love the ultimate answer for our pride issues?

Think about a situation you may be facing and ask the question: What does Love require of me?

How can we pray for each other tonight?