

– 1Corinthians 13.4-5 –  
**Love Is Not Proud**

1Cor 13.4 [L]ove does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own.

\* **How is** pride unique among sins?

- 1) One of the Seven Deadly \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- 2) The first sin of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the root of all sin.
  
- 3) A purely \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
  
- 4) The most \_\_\_\_\_ of all sins.
  
- 5) Universally despised and quickly detected in \_\_\_\_\_, but not in ourselves.
  
- 6) Easy to detect in its surface forms, but not its \_\_\_\_\_ forms.

\* **Why is** it so important that we think deeply about pride?

*James 4.6; 1Pet 5.5 God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*

\* **Why are** we focusing today on “love ... does not seek its own”?

\* **Pride puts** \_\_\_\_\_ at the center; humility & love put \_\_\_\_\_ at the center.

\* **Pride perverts** the most fundamental thing of all, our \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

\* **Why is** God the center?

*Jer 9.23 Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; <sup>24</sup> But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.*

*Matt 22.37 “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

\* **Our love** for God derives from what?

*1Jn 4.10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

\* **What enables** us to truly love our neighbor as ourselves?

\* **Helps to** putting God in the center & taking ourselves out.

– 1) Meditate on all God has freely \_\_\_\_\_ us.

*Phil 2.3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

– 2) Give continual \_\_\_\_\_ to God. This cultivates thankfulness, which produces humility & \_\_\_\_.

\* **How does** Paul seek to cure the Corinthians' pride?

– 3) Be wise to your own personal manifestations of \_\_\_\_\_.

*1Cor 3.21 [L]et no one boast in men. For all things are yours: <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come – all are yours. <sup>23</sup> And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's ... <sup>4.8</sup> You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us – and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you!*

– 4) When pride show up, put \_\_\_\_\_ back in the center.

\* **The modern** age of self has produced \_\_\_\_\_.