

– 1Corinthians 13.4-5 –
Love Is Not Proud

1Cor 13.4 [L]ove does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ 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; ²⁴ 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.’ ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ⁴ 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:
²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come – all are yours. ²³ And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's ... ^{4.8} 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 _____.