

— 1 Corinthians 13.4-5 —
Love Is Not Proud 2

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

* **Last week** we focused on which phrase?

* **This week** we focus chiefly on which phrase?

* **What does** “puffed up” mean?

– What fish provides an illustration?

– This concept is behind the biblical analogy of the wheat and the _____ (Ps 1.4; Hosea 13.3)

– The Hebrew word for “glory” means what?

– We were created and redeemed to share in God's _____.

2Pet 1.4 ... that you may be partakers of the divine nature'

Jn 17.22 “The glory which you gave me I have given them”

– How does this factor into final judgment for believers?

2Cor 5.10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ ...

1Cor 3.11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

– How does a gold bar compare to the same volume of chaff or straw?

– How does this tie into the 3rd Commandment?

Exo 20.7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain”

– How does this tie in with Rom 12.2: “Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”?

– Biblically, we only gain substance and glory ourselves when we _____ substance and glory to _____.

1Cor 8.1 [W]e all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

– Six different times, Paul tells the Corinthians that they are _____ (1Cor 4.6; 4.18; 4.19; 5.2; 8.1).

– “Puffed up” does not mean that they are _____,
but they that are not _____ others.

1Cor 1.4 I thank my God always ... for the grace ... which was given to you ..., ⁵ that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, ... ⁷ so that you come short in no gift ...

– The missing element is _____, patterned after God’s _____.

– Theological knowledge and spiritual gifts are _____;
love is the _____ that uses them to build up others.

1Cor 13.2 [T]hough I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

– What analogy do we find in space?

– We cannot take on _____ directly; it only comes to us on the rebound, as a result of us adding _____ to others as we serve them in the body of Christ. For only then do we become like God who created us and redeemed us. God adds glory to us without us _____ it.

* **What are** two behavioral patterns that result from putting self at the center and being puffed up?

– 1) _____ oneself (4c).

– 2) Behaving _____ (5a).

* **What do** we do?

– 1) Focus more on what you _____ than on how you feel.

– 2) Give thanks and cultivate gratitude.

– 3) Be aware of your own pride—how it manifest itself in you.

– 4) Use Paul’s check list.

– 5) Stay in God’s word. Also read good literature. It is far easier to see and learn in the _____ person.

– 6) Confess your pride, receive God’s forgiveness, and move on.