

Don't Hang Yourself

(Clearing the Field to Live an Abundant Life Series #3)

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Review

Jesus came that we might live an abundant life.

To live an abundant life we must "clear the field" of SIN.

WORRY is sin – and has no place in a Christian's life.

How Haman Hanged Himself – Esther 3-7

6:6 – Haman thought to himself,

"Who is there that the King would rather honor than me?"

Pride Defined –

Good: Matt. 22:39 – love neighbor as your self

1 Tim. 4:12 – don't let anyone look down on you – set an example

Acts 2:47 – the church enjoyed the favor of all the people

Bad: Prov. 26:12 – Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?

There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Prov. 16:5 – The Lord detests all the proud of heart.

We need enough pride to keep our _____, not our _____.

What's Wrong with Pride ?

1. Pride is _____ Prov. 21:4

Pride was the 1st sin in _____ 1 Tim. 3:6

and the 1st sin on _____ Gen. 3:5,6

2. Pride is _____ by God Prov. 6:16-19, 8:13

3. Pride opens the door for other _____ 1 John 2:16

"Pride is the king of vices... It is the first of the pallbearers of the soul... other vices destroy only their opposite virtues, as wantonness destroys chastity; greed destroys temperance; anger destroys gentleness; but pride destroys all virtues." Fulton J. Sheen

Examples of Pride –

-- POWER

Pharaoh - Ex. 5:2

"Who is the LORD that I should obey him?"

Uzziah - 2 Chron. 26:16

"After he became powerful, his pride led to his downfall"

-- ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 4:20

"I have built... by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty."

-- SPIRITUAL

Pharisee - Luke 18:9-14

"...confident of their own righteousness."

-- ABILITIES

Herod - Acts 12:20-23

"...this is the voice of a god, not of a man."

-- POSITION

Naaman - 2 Kings 5:11

"I thought he would surely come out to me."

-- UNGRATEFUL

Hezekiah - 2 Chron. 32:25

"...heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him."

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How to Get Pride Out of Your Life...

Think like the tax collector. Luke 18:9-14

Consider others better than yourself. Phil. 2:3