



Springcreek
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road
Garland, TX 75044
972.494.5683
www.springcreekchurch.org

PRIDE

KILLJOYS: The Seven Deadly Sins – Part 1
Message #1389
Pastor Keith Stewart
July 15-16, 2017

There are seven things that the Lord hates and cannot tolerate: a proud look...
Proverbs 6.16 (Good News Bible)

The Lord despises pride. Proverbs 16.5 (New Living Translation)

1. WHAT IS THE SIN OF PRIDE?

“Pride is a sin? I wasn't aware of that.” – Queen Latifah

“Pride is mandatory. That's one of the problems of the inner city. Kids don't have enough pride.” – Ice-T

What it is not...

- The admiration and respect we feel for others

I have great confidence in you; I take great pride in you. 2 Corinthians 7.4

- A healthy sense of competence and self

Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else... Galations 6.4

- A hunger for approval that comes from woundedness



Springcreek
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road
Garland, TX 75044
972.494.5683
www.springcreekchurch.org

For people will love only themselves...they will be proud ...

2 Timothy 3.2 (The Living Bible)

What it is...

“[Pride is] the most hidden, secret and deceitful of all sins.” - Jonathan Edwards

- A sin of the spirit not the flesh

“If anyone thinks that Christians regard sexual promiscuity as the worst vice, he is quite wrong. The sins of the flesh are bad, but they are the least bad of all sins. All the worst pleasures are purely spiritual; the pleasure of putting other people in the wrong, of bossing and patronizing...and back biting, the pleasure of power, and hatred... (Therefore) a cold, self-righteous prig who goes regularly to church may be far nearer to hell than a prostitute.” – C.S. Lewis

“Prostitutes are in no danger of finding their present life so satisfactory that they cannot turn to God: the proud, the avaricious, the self-righteous, are in that danger.”
- C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

“Pride is the dandelion of the soul.” - David Rhodes

“Pride is the only disease that makes everyone sick except the person who has it.” – Tony Evans

“The more we have it ourselves, the more we detest it in others.” – C.S. Lewis

The Anti-God state of mind

“Pride leads to every other vice; it is the complete anti-God state of mind.”
- C. S. Lewis



Springcreek
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road
Garland, TX 75044
972.494.5683
www.springcreekchurch.org

The failure to acknowledge God and choosing to live life according to our own terms.

2. BREAKING THE GRIP OF PRIDE

The nature of sin

“God hates sin not just because it violates his law, but more substantively, because it violates shalom - because it breaks the peace, because it interferes with the way things are supposed to be.” - Neil Plantinga

The principle of replacement

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4.22-24

...put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor...

Ephesians 4.25

...steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands...

Ephesians 4.28

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up...

Ephesians 4.29

“The most common form of recovery from addiction in America is addiction.” – Terry Kellogg

3. HUMILITY IS...

Seeing God as He is

...we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God.



Springcreek
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road
Garland, TX 75044
972.494.5683
www.springcreekchurch.org

2 Corinthians 10.5 (Good News)

“Humility is truth...a true perception of oneself.” – St. Teresa of Avila

For this is what the High and Lofty One says – He who lives forever, whose name is holy: I live in a high and holy place but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit...

Isaiah 57.15

Seeing others as they are

Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Ephesians 4.2 (New Living Translation)

Pride is essentially competitive. Humility is essentially cooperative.

Seeing myself as I am

“The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is.” - Phillip Brooks

“[True humility is] not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less.” - C.S. Lewis

“Humility, as we all know, is one of those virtues that is never gained by seeking it. The more we pursue it the more distant it becomes. To think we have it is sure evidence that we don't.” - Richard Foster

“Secrecy rightly practiced enables us to place our public relations department entirely in the hands of God...” - Dallas Willard

“Nothing disciplines the inordinate desires of the flesh like service, and nothing transforms the desires of the flesh like serving in hiddenness. The flesh whines against service but screams against hidden service.” - Richard Foster



Springcreek
CHURCH

2660 Belt Line Road
Garland, TX 75044
972.494.5683
www.springcreekchurch.org

