



HUMILITY: “THOSE WHO WALK IN PRIDE HE IS ABLE TO HUMBLE”

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What does it mean to walk in pride?

Dig In

Living for Christ requires a considered humility.

Be singular in your devotion to Christ (4:1-3)

- Is God getting crowded out by other things you're devoted to? Is your personal pantheon filling up with priorities related to pleasure, or prosperity, or gaining power? Name areas in life where pride can make you reluctant to have God as your singular focus of devotion?

Be cautious about prosperity and ease (4:4)

- How does a person's life become centered around vain pursuits? (See Ecclesiastes 1:1) What conclusions does the writer of Ecclesiastes draw after devoting himself to every possible pleasurable distraction? (See Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) Given this conclusion, along with Nebuchadnezzar's experience, is there something you should focus on less so that you have more relationship with God?

Be fearful of pride creeping in (4:5-18)

- How can you gain a realistic picture of where you are too proud? If you have that information already in hand, what are you doing to protect yourself from too much focus on yourself instead of God and others?

Be prepared for God to intervene (4:19-26, 28-33)

- “If you don't do something about your pride, God will.” (See 1Peter 5:5-6) Has God ever cut you down to size in a way that led to more focused worship? What did he want you to learn about yourself?

Be eager to break off your sins (4:27, 34a)

- It may be hard to admit, but have you become entrenched in a prideful perspective on life. How could confessing it appropriately help you let it go now before God intervenes? What could pride cost you if God has to humiliate you instead of you humbling yourself?

Be quick to give God his place (4:34b-37)

- Does what you say about a humiliating experience indicate that God is in control of your life? Where do you see opportunities to improve your testimony regarding pride? What do you need to say differently about that humiliating time? (It could be an illness, a setback, an insult, a failure, an embarrassment, etc.)

Break Out: Who can help you take another step toward more humility? What will you tell them this week?