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New Life
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Week 5

Best Seat in the House

Luke 14:1-11

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Pride and Humility

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- Perils of Pride
- Promises of Humility
- Purposeful Application

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1. Perils of Pride

1st sin, precedes Adam and Eve.

Isaiah 14:13 'I will set my throne on high' - Satan

Essence of all sin and God hates it.

Proverbs 16:5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord

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Pride is self-worship and self-preservation at all costs

Pride is excessive preoccupation with self and one's own importance, achievements, status, or possessions.

An arrogant person believes himself or herself to be superior to others, whether or not they have a logical reason to think so. They consider themselves more valuable, their contributions more important, and have excessive expectations of their abilities.

End of pride is self-glorification.

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Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonour,
but with the humble is wisdom.

Pr. 16:8 Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Ps. 101:5 whoever has haughty eyes
and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.

1 Peter 5:5 God is opposed to the proud,
but gives grace to the humble

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Fruit of Pride

- a. It can stop revival. Jonathan Edwards ‘the premature ending of the Great Awakening was due to spiritual pride’
- b. It undermines unity and causes church splits
- c. It leads to quarrels and strife in relationships and marriages
- d. It ruins pastors and churches

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e. It brings down leaders

2 Chronicles 26:16 But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God.

2 Chr. 32:25-26 But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit he received, because his heart was proud; therefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem. However, Hezekiah humbled the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem ..

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2. Promises of Humility

Is 66 :2 to this one I will look (esteem NIV)

Prov. 22:4 The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honour and life.

Pr. 29:23. A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honour.

Matt. 18:4. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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.Promises of Humility cont.

Luke 14:10 But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honour in the sight of all who are at the table with you.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

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3. Purposeful Application

- a. Study the attributes of God
'Apart from God, I can't exist.
Apart from me, God exists' (R. C. Sproul).
- b. Study the Doctrines of Grace and Sin.
- c. Invite and Pursue Correction.
- e. Respond Humbly To Trials.

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f. Discern Your Thorns. 2 Cor. 13.

g. Be Prepared to Be Replaced.
It's inevitable.

h. Recognise Your Relative Unimportance.
No one is indispensable.
“Graveyards are filled with
indispensable people”. (C. DeGaul)

i. Laugh with others at Yourself.

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j. Every Day Survey the Wondrous Cross

“When I survey the Wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride”

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5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

1 Philippians 2:5-9

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