

“Pride...in the Right Person for the Right Purpose”

Human Emotions - Godly Responses



INTRODUCTION

- *pride* goes before destruction
Prov. 16:18

- *pride* as God intended

1. The sin of misdirected pride

“The taking of credit becomes an absurdity when we remember that not only the brains, abilities, and opportunities for achievement are gifts [from God], but also the very air we breathe and the ability to draw it into our lungs.”
– Elisabeth Elliot

- God *bates* misdirected pride
Prov. 8:13; 16:5; 2 Tim. 3:2-5; Jms. 4:6

“God is not out to hurt our pride; He is out to kill it.”
– Donald Pfotenhauer

- why pride is so pernicious and poisonous
Is. 14:12-15; Dan. 4:30-33

- the adolescent stage of pride

+ Hezekiah, King of Judah: 722 BC
Is. 37:16-20

+ Merodach-baladan, King of Babylon: 701 BC
Is. 38:1-8; 39:1-2

+ Hezekiah’s misdirected pride
Is. 39:2-8

“We can never be too small for God to use, but we can be too large.”
– Doug Cecil

2. The solution to misdirected pride

- Jonathan

- John the Baptist
Jn. 3:30

“Pride is the oldest and commonest of sins. Humility is the rarest and most beautiful of graces. For humility let us labor. For humility let us pray....Humility is the very first letter in the alphabet of Christianity.”
– J.C. Ryle

CONCLUSION

- Pride must be rightly directed...
- Pride must be rightly focused...
- God stands opposed to misdirected pride
Is. 48:11
- God looks for humble servants

“There are two things that are suited to humble the souls of men: a due consideration of God, and then of ourselves. Of God, in His greatness, holiness, power, majesty and authority; of ourselves, in our mean, abject, and sinful condition....The man that understands the evil of his own heart, how vile it is, is the only useful, fruitful and solidly believing and obedient person.”
– John Owen