

**BELIEVE**  
*"Be Like Jesus"*  
**Humility**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**1. C.S. Lewis said this about pride:**

*"As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people, and of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you."*

**2. Here's a definition of pride:**

- Pride is an attitude of independence from God.
- Pride is thinking more highly of yourself than you ought to think.
- Pride is esteeming one's self above other people.

**3. Here are a few Pride Indicators:**

- A proud person gets irritated when someone corrects them.
- A proud person accepts praise for things he or she has no control over.
- A proud person refuses to take counsel and learn from others.
- A proud person is always in competition with others.
- A proud person will not be outdone.

**4. Isaiah 14:12-14**

**5. Key Verses on Pride:**

**a) Proverbs 6:16-19**

1) *"Haughty eyes"* - means a proud or arrogant look.

2) *"arrogant"* - Arrogance is an offensive display of superiority or self importance. It is to offensively exaggerate one's own importance.

**b) Proverbs 16:5 Wow!!!!**

1) *"abomination"* - Intense hatred, loathing, detestation

**c) Proverbs 8:13**

**6. PRIDE is an attitude of independence from God**

**7. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a**

**8. The "Fruit of the Spirit" - Galatians 5:16-26**

**9. James 4:1-6**

10. **Definition of Worldliness** - Worldliness is that attitude of a Christian's heart that reflects this age, the attitude and values of a system that is spearheaded by Satan.

### **THIS MORNING: THREE CLEAR SIGNS OF WORLDLINESS (PRIDE)**

#### **I. CONFLICT WITH OTHERS**

##### **A. THE OLD SELF HANGING AROUND**

1. *Titus 3:1-3*
2. *Galatians 6:1-2*
3. *James 4:1*
4. *Galatians 5:14-15*

##### **B. THE ROOT CAUSE**

1. *James 1:19-20*
2. *1 Corinthians 3:1-3*
3. *Proverbs 13:10*

#### **II. CONFLICT WITHIN**

##### **A. AN INTERNAL BATTLE**

1. If you look at others as the cause of your attitude problems with others you looking in the wrong place.
2. *Vs 1*
  - a) "*passions*" - (gk = Hedone) - (English = Hedonism) - Hedonism is the belief that pleasure is the chief good in life.

##### **B. PINPOINT ACCURACY**

1. *James 4:1*
  - a) "*war*"
2. *Luke 6:45*

## C. OUT OF CONTROL

### 1. James 4:2

a) "*desire*" - it carries the idea of trying to fulfill our pleasures at any cost.

b) "*You desire and do not have, so you murder.*"

1) It's the foundation for murder.

2) You can decimate a person spiritually, emotionally, or financially without ever using a gun.

c) "*you fight and war..*"

1) This would be a spiritual temper tantrum!!!

## D. IF ONLY WE WOULD ASK

### 1. Vs 2

a) "*...you ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly...*"

### 2. 2 Timothy 3:1-4, 5

## E. PRAYING WRONGLY

### 1. James 4:3

a) "*you ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly*"

2. When "Worldly Christians" do pray...they pray with wrong motives.

### 3. Revelation 4:11

### 4. James 4:3

a) "*to spend it on your passions*" - that's a heart not in tune with eternal passions.

5. A WORLDLY (PRIDEFUL) CHRISTIAN HAS CONFLICT WITHIN.

## III. CONFLICT WITH GOD

### A. CALLED SPIRITUAL ADULTERY

#### 1. James 4:4

a) "*You adulterous people*" -

2. Worldliness is spiritual adultery against God.

3. James 4:4b

a) "Do you not know that friendship with the world"

4. *Friendship* is a relationship of genuine affection.

5. 4:4c

## B. GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD

1. Vs 5

2. *1 Corinthians 10:22*

3. There is no room for any rival in your relationship with God.

## C. GOD'S GREATER GRACE

1. Vs 6

a) "But he gives more grace"

2. THIS IS A PROMISE FROM GOD:

He will give you more of Himself and His blessings than you could ever imagine if you love Him only.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Vs 6b

a) "God opposes the proud"

1) To oppose means to set against. Like an army!!!

2. Vs 6c

a) "But gives grace to the humble"

4. Humility draws the gaze of our Holy, Righteous, Sovereign God.

5. Humility is honestly assessing ourselves in light of God's holiness and our sinfulness.