

THANK YOU
FOR JOINING US TODAY!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Summer Family Event & Neighborhood Block Party!
August 8th - 10th, starting at 6pm each night.**

OBJECTIVE: To bring parents and kids (preschool - elementary)
together and have some focused fun and learning.

*We want to change your kid's view of you and of Jesus
for the better at the same time.*

Childcare is available for Birth-Age 2.

Register at the CTV registration tent or online:
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PRIDE

Today's Verses:

Proverbs 11:12
Proverbs 13:10
Proverbs 16:18
Proverbs 21:24

Proverbs 29:23
James 4:6
Romans 12:3
John 1:8

John 3:30
Galatians 5:16-26
Philippians 2:4-8
Galatians 6:2-3

PRIDE

Currently at Element we are doing a series through the Old Testament Wisdom book of Proverbs. We are calling the series “Counter-Culture” because how Jesus calls us to live as His people is usually completely counter to the culture in which we live. Counter culture isn’t anger or rioting, it is living as God’s people who bring about hope, grace, truth, and life through living in the redemptive wisdom God has provided. Proverbs is a book that teaches us how to live in wisdom, understand wisdom, and bring wisdom into all we do in life.

Today we are looking at the counter cultural idea of pride and what it does to us personally, and what it also does to our communities when we are centered on pride and not on Jesus. *Here are 7 symptoms from the message of pride showing itself...*

- 1. Fault-Finding.** This is where we filter out God’s goodness in one another and look at only their negative traits.
- 2. A Harsh Spirit.** This is trying to find fault in others. When we do find those faults, we look on their sins with contempt, irritation, frustration, and/or judgment
- 3. Superficiality.** Caring more about your appearance and how you are seen over being honest and vulnerable.
- 4. Defensiveness.** When you’re feeling attacked, or your self-image is being challenged, you give an excuse as to why it’s happening. You defend your bad actions instead of repenting of them.
- 5. Presumption before God.** Telling others, or yourself, that God will act one way or another. It’s usually great boldness about God, while forgetting He is God.
- 6. Desperation for Attention.** Our pride is hungry for attention, respect, and worship
- 7. Neglecting Others.** Pride prefers some people over others because of what we think they can give us or do for us.

Pride is a cancer that has been called the “root of all sins.” Pride loves to hide itself in plain sight while convincing the prideful person that all of their problems are other people’s fault.

Introduction

Pride can take shape even in the most positive environments. Helping others can turn into pride as we start to think no one can do it as well as we can. It can be a relationship with someone else simply because you love to be adored. It can be wanting the right job for the reason of being adored or so others will respect you. Pride does everything for itself and not for others.

Discussion

What symptom of pride seems to show itself most in your life?

In what ways does pride try to justify sin?

Explanation

To what does your pride give worth and value?

Where has God placed you? Are you content with that placement?

Application – Read John 10:30 & Galatians 6:2

How can you be “less” so Jesus can be “more”? What does that look like?

What symptom of pride seems to show itself most in your life?

What type of pride (superiority. arrogance. dignity) do you most identify with?

Mission

Why does our culture value pride instead of giving value to humility?

How can you humbly help carry someone else’s burdens?

How can you live Kingdom Down (Jesus First) instead of Culture Up (you first)?

Homework - Read Proverbs 23:4

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Discussion Key

Red – Easy level, not much intimacy, Blue – Intended to dig a bit deeper

Black – Designed to create deeper conversation