



Part Three: Join the Fight

It has been called the vice behind all vices, anti-God, and the most toxic of all relationship killers. If you aren't careful it could be subtly poisoning your life! It's time to join the fight against our pride!

Scripture: James 4:6-10 ESV

Bottom Line: When you start fighting pride you stop fighting God.

Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the following quote from C.S. Lewis: "The vice I am talking of is Pride or Self-Conceit: and the virtue opposite to it, in Christian morals, is called Humility...According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind." Do you agree or disagree? What do you think the connection is between pride and all other vices?
2. Read James 4:6. What does this verse tell us about God's character and how He works? What do you think are characteristics of proud people? Humble people?
3. Define 'grace.' What is some of the evidence of God's grace that you experience on a regular basis? How does he show grace to humble people?
4. In James 4:7-10 there are a number of commands. Which ones stand out to you? Describe what it would look like in our lives if we obeyed these commands. What are some of the results that this passage talks about, for those who do obey?

Moving Forward

How does pride manifest itself in your own life? What are some practical steps you can take to submitting to God and fighting against pride in your life?