

Pride and Humility
1 Corinthians 4:6-13
September 10, 2023

1. The sin of pride (6)

2. The roots of pride (7)

3. The self-deception of pride (8)

4. The contrast between the way of pride and the way of the cross (9-13)

Next week: 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What is pride? What are some examples of pride in the Bible?
3. How were the Corinthians showing pride?
4. Is pride good or bad? Explain.
5. What are some of the differences that this passage shows between the apostle Paul and the Corinthians?
6. What does this passage say about ways in which the apostle Paul suffered?
7. How could Paul have avoided suffering these things? Why was Paul willing to suffer these things?
8. Where does pride show itself in your life? How does this show your need for Christ?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. How can verse 7 sever the roots of your pride?
3. Think about what this passage says about the apostle Paul and the Corinthians. Are you more like the apostle or the Corinthians? Is this good or bad? Explain.
4. What does this passage have to do with the cross?
5. In verse 16, Paul will say, "I urge you, then, be imitators of me." What do we find in our text that we are to imitate about the apostle Paul?
6. How might your life look different if you adopted Paul's mindset shown in our text?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?