

Walking In The Spirit, Part VI (Overcoming Pride)

The Walk of Holiness

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Sermon: The Walk of Holiness: Walking In The Spirit, Part VI (Overcoming Pride)

Lesson Text

Luke 4:1–13 (AV)¹ And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. ³ And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. ⁴ And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.** ⁵ And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. ⁷ If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. ⁸ And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.** ⁹ And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: ¹⁰ For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: ¹¹ And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. ¹² And Jesus answering said unto him, **It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.** ¹³ And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

1 Peter 5:5–7 (AV)⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: ⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Introduction

Let's now look at the 3rd Trick of our "Three Trick Pony" in 1 John 2:16-17:

- Lust of the Flesh (Sins Against the Body) – Galatians 5:19
- Lust of the Eye (Sins Against God) – Galatians 5:20
- Pride of Life (Sins Against Each Other) – Galatians 5:20-21

To overcome the first trick, the Lust of Flesh, we must Resist, Flee, and Defeat. To overcome the second trick, the Lust of Eye, we must Change what we See, Desire, and Worship.

Now let's study the third trick, The Pride of Life, which are Sins Against Each Other!

Galatians 5:20-21 (AV) ²⁰ ... hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: ...

These are sins that we perpetrate against each other. The NLV translates them as "hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these."

The problem with these sins is they directly violate the 2nd commandment of Jesus!

Matthew 22:37–39 (AV)³⁷ Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** ³⁸**This is the first and great commandment.** ³⁹**And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

Now, the reason why these sins fall into the category of Pride is because they deal with how we feel about ourselves, and how that feeling manifests itself in our behavior towards each other.

Jealousy, envy, hostility, anger, dissention, strife, and division is really about reactions to our pride of life! What we didn't have, what we deserve, how we were treated, and so on.

When Satan tempted Jesus with this category of sin, it was about dealing with people who had rejected him.

Luke 4:9 (AV)⁹ And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

In other words, "If you're the son of God, demonstrate, show them, prove it to them!" The enemy was trying to humiliate Him and push Him into a prideful reaction.

When Jesus responded, "**Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God**", He was teaching us about how to overcome pride!

Walking in the Spirit is not about allowing your pride to prove anything to anybody, but submitting to the will of God even if it means being humiliated.

Our Walk in the Spirit is not about proving who we are, how saved or powerful we are, or how much God we have. It is about trusting in God, even when you have no proof!

1 Peter 5:6 (AV)⁶ Humble (or Submit) yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

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"Submitting to Each Other, Submitting to God, and Submitting to Promotion"

I. Submit To Each Other

1 Peter 5:5 (AV)⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

A few sermons ago, we learned that submission comes from a combination of two Greek words, "*hypo-tassō*," which means "to place under," to be in subjection, or submission.

Submission is not easy for us because we are not wired for it. We don't like being disrespected. And so, we fight, argue, have envy and jealousy, division and dissention, hostility and hatred.

What makes submission to each other even more difficult is how we treat each other.

It's one thing to submit to your elders or leaders, but it's another thing to submit to them when they haven't treated you right. It's one thing for wives to submit to their husbands, but it's another thing to submit to them when they haven't been a good husband.

In order to overcome pride and submit to each other, we must Trust in God!

1 Peter 3:1 (AV)¹ Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

1 Peter 3:5 (AV)⁵ For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, *who trusted in God*, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

Submitting to Each Other is not about having trust in each other, but having trust in God.

“I'm not submitting to you because you're all that, I'm submitting to you because God is All That!”

II. Submit To God

1 Peter 5:6 (AV) ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, ...

Now, one would think that submitting to God should be easy, but it's not!

And how do we know that? Because of our inability to live out the next verse.

1 Peter 5:7 (AV) ⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Too many of us are stressed, too many of us are worried, too many of us are losing it, giving up on it, quitting it, auguring and fighting against it!

This says that we are not truly casting all our cares upon him. We're stressed because we're still trying to carry it, still trying to fix it, still trying to work it out.

And when we don't give it all over to God, it's a form of pride! “God you're taking too long!” “God I will give you some help!” “God I've got this myself!”

In order to overcome pride and submit to God, we must Give it to God!

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

Philippians 4:6–7 (AV)⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Psalms 37:1–6 (AV)¹ Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. ² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. ⁴ Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. ⁵

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass. ⁶ And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

III. Submit To Promotion

1 Peter 5:6 (AV) ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

- We Must Submit to Each Other by Trusting in God
- We Must Submit to God by Giving it to God
- Finally, We Must Submit to Promotion by Waiting on God

The final key to overcoming pride is understanding how promotion works with God.

Must people want to be promoted, we seek promotion, we testify about our promotions, we dance and shout when we get a promotion.

Another form of promotion is justification and vindication when you've been wronged.

The problem is when pride gets in the way of seeking promotion, justification, or vindication. So, we fight for it, we mistreat each other for it, we stab each other in the back for it, we step over each other for it.

1 Peter 5:5 (AV) ⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, **and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud**, and giveth grace to the humble.

Matthew 16:25 (AV)²⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

In order to overcome pride and submit to Promotion, we must Wait on God!

The way up with God is always Down!

Psalms 75:6–7 (AV)⁶ For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. ⁷ But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

1 Peter 5:6 (AV) ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Galatians 6:9 (AV)⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Isaiah 40:31 (AV)³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Walking In The Spirit, Part VI (Overcoming Pride))

Lesson Text

- Luke 4:1-13, 1 Peter 5:5-7

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Submit To Each Other*

II. *Submit To God*

III. *Submit To Promotion*

Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday's Sermon?)

I. **Getting to Know "Me"**

1. What is your favorite kid's cereal? (Choose one)
Rice Krispies; Fruit Loops; Cinnamon Toast Crunch; Corn Flakes; Frosted Flakes; Trix;
Lucky Charms; Corn Pops
2. What quality do you most appreciate in a friend?

II. **Into the Bible**

1. **Walking in the Spirit Scripture Study — Please read Hebrew 8:7-13.**
 - i. What is the difference between the "First"/Old Covenant and the "Second"/New Covenant? What was/is the purpose of both?
 - ii. What is God's part in the New Covenant and what is the people's part? Did God ever expect His people to keep the ENTIRE Old Covenant?
 - iii. How does knowing and understanding these things help the believer to **walk in the Spirit** and in turn **overcome pride**?

III. **Life Application**

1. What is the difference between being ambitious and falling into the trap of the pride of life?
2. Give an encouraging word, scripture or song to a believer who is waiting on the Lord for something specific.