

# Sunday, September 25, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

**Title: Enriching Our Soul, Addressing Pride**

**Series: Renewing & Enriching Our Inner Man.. 3**

Text: Isaiah 14:12 - 14; Philippians 2:5 - 13

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation examine their SOUL for hidden seeds of PRIDE!

## Introduction:

~ 3 John 1:2, “Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.”

~ Hebrews 12:15, “See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;”

My understanding of GRACE is the power, ability and authority of God extended to believers through the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ who abides in them.

~ James 4:6 – 8, “But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (8) Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.’”

## 1. Pride and Lucifer:

~ Isaiah 14:12 – 14, “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star (H1966, O Lucifer), son of Dawn! How are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! (13) You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north, (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’”

~ Luke 10:18, 2 Peter 2:4, Revelation 12:7 - 10

Notice the “I will” statements

~ verse 14, “I will make myself like the Most High.”

## 2. Pride the Original Human Sin:

~ Genesis 3:1 – 7, (4) “But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. (5) For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

~ verse 5, “your eyes will be opened”; what was among the first things they say?

~ Deep inside the soul of humankind there is a divine sense of right and wrong – today it is often expressed as, ‘that is not fair!’

## 3. Pride and Humankind:

~ Genesis 11:1 – 9, (4) “Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

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~ Ephesians 2:8 – 9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

~ The notion that we can tell God on what terms and by what means we will come to him is pure pride. That I can tell him what my biological preference is or what my romantic preferences are is pure pride.

## 4. Pride Defeated by Humility:

~ Philippians 2:5 - 13

~ Hebrews 5:8, “Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.”

Defeating the seeds of pride in my soul is achieved by...

- Confessing my need of a Savior. Acts 2:38
- Confess that when I am weak then HE is strong (in me)! 2 Corinthians 12:7 - 10
- Coming to serve my God by serving others. Mark 9:35

## Conclusion:

How Deep the Father’s Love  
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