

Luke 9:46-50

- ✓ Pride is one the ugliest things on the planet. God hates it: **Proverbs 8:13**.
 - ✓ We ended last time with a pretty bold statement, that unless you have come to God in humility **Luke 18:13** instead of like this: **Luke 18:11-12**, you have never come to Him.
 - ✓ God accepts anyone with any sin as long as they are humble, but you will not come to Him if you are proud: **James 4:6, Proverbs 16:5, Psalms 51:17**.
 - ✓ The Scriptures tell us God blesses, honors, lifts up, exalts, uses, instructs the humble; but not anybody else.
 - ✓ **Exodus 3:5, Joshua 5:15**, even 1/8 inch of shoe leather is too high!
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1. Pride causes lots of problems.

- 1) Replaces God with self—"he prayed thus with himself" – prays only publicly so everybody can see him praying.
 - ✓ John Bunyan, "Pride is impatient of a rival, hates a superior, and cannot endure a master."
 - ✓ Instead of **Philippians 4:13**, it is "I can do all things for myself, by myself, I'm self-made."
 - ✓ A person who is **self-made** loves to worship his creator.
 - 2) Creates contentions and divisions – the disciples were arguing among themselves – of course they were because the whole conversation revolved around their pride.
 - ✓ **Proverbs 13:10**, so many unnecessary disputes and quarrels that would be easily prevented if it weren't for pride.
 - ✓ Find yourself in arguments a lot? We now know why.
 - 3) Creates ranks and pecking orders, "who was the greatest among them"
 - ✓ Since pride dethrones God in my life and puts me in His place, then I cannot be argued with, cannot be wrong or corrected, and cannot stand you since you are bent on the same thing.
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2. The highest ranking are the children!

- ✓ **Matthew 18:3**; It's not the attitude or the actions of the child we are to mimic but we are to take the status and rank of a child.
 - ✓ Children were the lowest status of that culture in the first century
 - ✓ They have no credentials, no accomplishments, they bring no money or experience or ability or achievements to the table, they have nothing to offer, Children, in that sense, have no value.
 - ✓ Do you hear what He's telling us? We bring no value, no status, we have nothing to offer, but it's not that we aren't valuable, Jesus paid for us with His life!
 - ✓ Kids are a black hole that suck up money, time, energy, affection, life, they suck it all in and give very little back.
 - ✓ But that's ok because they are our kids, and we love them!
 - ✓ It is on the same basis that we are welcomed and accepted by God, nothing more.
 - ✓ People think that they are going to work out some kind of deal with God someday. Like they have something to offer God, this is the way pride thinks.
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Luke 9: The Prideful Look, Part 2

- ✓ God doesn't make deals with people for two main reasons: One, He has no needs, we have nothing that God needs. Two, we have nothing to offer anyway, we are the same as child.
 - ✓ We're a black hole of needs and God has an infinite supply, a perfect relationship.
 - ✓ God is happy to be the supplier of those needs but it will come at the price of our admission that in the scheme of things we are children.
 - ✓ We have nothing to offer, nothing to contribute, bring nothing to the table, and its ok, because He doesn't need anything anyway.
 - ✓ God wants us, just like, and even more than, we want our children.
 - ✓ We want and love our children not because they supply anything; not for their cash, mad skills, or superior intellect, but because they are ours.
 - ✓ We find fulfillment in meeting their needs; God is just like that with us.
 - ✓ If our attitude is: "I'm no child" "I want to be accepted for my contribution", "I'm in here on my merits", God resists the proud, but gives grace to humble.
 - ✓ God hates pride because it keeps Him from being the father that He wants to be to us, and it keeps us from being His kids.
 - ✓ D. L. Moody "God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves."
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