

Sermon Outline: 4.19.26

Sermon Series: **How the Least Becomes the Greatest**
Sermon Title: ***Don't Let Pride Hide, Crucify It!***
Sermon Text: James 4:6-10



(Quotes 1 thru 5 on the next page will be used in order during introduction.)

(Matthew 23:11-12)

How the Least Becomes the Greatest

(James 4:6-10)

Don't Let Pride Hide, Crucify It!

Pride is Subtle, it Hides Behind...

Strength

(Jeremiah 17:5) (2nd Corinthians 12:9)

Insecurity

(2nd Corinthians 10:12)

Knowledge

(Romans 12:3)

Busyness

(Ephesians 2:9)

Offense

(James 1:9) (Proverbs 12:1)

False Humility

(Quote 6)

Control

(Proverbs 3:5-6) (Quotes 7 & 8) (Question 1)

Pride is Destructive, God Opposes It!

(Proverbs 16:18) (Isaiah 2:11) (Matthew 23:12)

(Daniel 4:30, 4:37) (Proverbs 26:12)

Pride Dies, When Humility Bows!

"Submit...Resist...Draw nigh...Purify...Repent...Humble"

(James 4:6, 4:10) (1st Peter 5:5-7) (Isaiah 57:15)

*The way up isn't paved with might,
Nor earned by will or human right.
The path to life, to peace, to rest—
Is downward... where the soul is blessed.
So take the cross where pride must die,
Lay self aside, no more disguise.
For God draws near to those who bend—
And lifts the lowly in the end.*

(Quote 1)

R.C. Sproul:

*“We are to be silent where the Bible is silent,
and speak where the Bible speaks.
We whisper where the Bible whispers,
and we shout where the Bible shouts.”*

(Quote 2)

*“Faithfulness isn’t just believing the right things –
it’s giving the right things the right volume.”*

(Quote 3)

Thomas Aquinas:

“Humility is the foundation of every virtue.”

(Quote 4)

Augustine of Hippo:

*“It was pride that changed angels into devils,
and humility that makes men as angels.”*

(Quote 5)

Jonathan Edwards:

“Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil’s reach as humility.”

(Quote 6)

C.S. Lewis:

*“Humility is not thinking less of yourself,
but thinking of yourself less.”*

(Quote 7)

*“Pride doesn’t always say, ‘I’m better than you.’
Sometimes it just whispers, ‘It’s about me.’”*

(Quote 8)

*“Pride doesn’t just live in arrogance – it survives in disguise.
And until it’s exposed, it can’t be crucified.”*

(Question 1)

Three simple questions that might expose pride:

How do I respond when I’m corrected?

How do I feel when someone else succeeds or is praised?

Do I need to be seen, to always be right, or to be in control?