

Faith that Works!

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“Appropriate Pride”

James 1:9-12

Introduction:

The Bible teaches that God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Yet, James encourages us to “take pride” in our position, whether rich or poor. When is pride appropriate?

Interpretation:

Application:

Going Deeper

1. Which of the word groups below best describes your financial support of God's Kingdom? Why is that the case? (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)
 - Reluctant & Sparing
 - Willing & Moderate
 - Cheerful & Generous
2. How have you grown in the "grace of giving" over the last few years? What does Paul identify as the goal in our growth? (2 Corinthians 8:7-9)
3. If you are growing in your giving, what motivates you? (Matthew 6:19-24)
4. If you are not growing in your giving, what prevents you? (Matthew 19:16-30)
5. Why do you suppose that the poor are named in Christ's mission to preach the gospel? What impact should this have upon our mission as individuals and as a church? (Luke 4:18, Luke 6:20)
6. How do you believe the Lord would have you increase your giving in the year ahead?

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