

## RESPECTABLE SINS

*Confronting the Sins we Tolerate*

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Perhaps there are no two sins we despise more in the lives of others and yet tolerate in our own lives than the sins of pride and selfishness. Yet tonight, we need to face the reality of these sins and understand how we can fight against them.

### PRIDE

In Proverbs 6, God gives a list of sins that are an abomination unto Him. On the top of that list is a proud look. Tonight, we want to see four ways that this sin is manifested in the life of the believer.

#### M \_\_\_\_\_ Self Righteousness

- There is a danger for those of us who know the Lord and especially for those who have been saved for a long time to develop a thought process whereby we are morally \_\_\_\_\_ to other men.
- We look around at those in our society who are enslaved by sin and we begin to judge them as \_\_\_\_\_ or less than us.
- We look at other believers who are newly saved and maybe struggling with sins that we would never struggle with and begin to feel that we are some how \_\_\_\_\_ than them.
- We look at other believers or other churches that disagree with us in certain areas of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and think that we are certainly better than them.
- This is the pride of the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### P \_\_\_\_\_ Correctness

- When it comes to doctrine we need to \_\_\_\_\_ firm, but in areas of position, we need to be \_\_\_\_\_ and gracious.
- We must avoid the arrogance and pride of thinking we are \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone else \_\_\_\_\_.

- By the way there will be people in heaven, who hold a different polity than you do, use a different Bible than you do, and dress differently than you do.

#### Personal A \_\_\_\_\_

- All that we have and all that we are is because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1 Samuel 2:7; 1 Cor 4:7

#### I \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit

- Seen in our rejection of \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 13:17)
- Seen in \_\_\_\_\_ spirit. Not just a problem for the youth!

### SELFISHNESS

Bridges writes that "*We can be very learned in our theology or very upright in our morality and yet fail to display the gracious qualities of Christian character.*" [pg 101] This is perhaps best seen in our next sin, the sin of \_\_\_\_\_. Tonight, we want to address four basic ways that we show our selfishness.

#### Selfish with our I \_\_\_\_\_ (Phil 2:4)

- All of us have those things which are important to us, our interests.
- Are you willing to set aside your interests in order to share in the \_\_\_\_\_ of others?

#### Selfish with our T \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 90:12; Gal 6:2)

- Time is a \_\_\_\_\_ commodity. All of us have the same fixed amount given to us each day.
- No one gets more time than another and no one's time is more \_\_\_\_\_ than another.

#### Selfish with our \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:17)

#### Selfish by our I \_\_\_\_\_

- Always \_\_\_\_\_ and keeping others waiting.
- Not thinking about the \_\_\_\_\_ we have upon others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to those who serve you.
- Leaving things for others to "pick up after you".