

What are a few things in our lives that could tempt us to take the credit and put the focus on our own abilities or glory?

HOW A LEADER BECAME A FOLLOWER OF GOD

Daniel 4

Bringing It Home

6. Write down below how you can balance a healthy self-image with the dangers that accompany pride. *Remember, you are made by God in His image, and loved unconditionally by Him – you are called by His name, adopted into His forever family with the Holy Spirit indwelling you as a guarantee of the things to come. You are VERY SPECIAL! God sought you out and by His grace, redeemed you for good works which He prepared ahead of time for you to walk in. So your life is full of things to feel good about. And Satan wants you to think you've done it all yourself.*

7. Nebuchadnezzar didn't need to go through the experience of living like an animal in order to learn humility. God gave him ample time to change his attitude - but he was unwilling. Is there an area of your life where God wants you to change your attitude and teach you humility?

1. A PERSON'S COMMITMENT TO GOD IS A _____

* I LIKE _____
"The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service." Daniel 1:19

* I LIKE _____
The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery." Daniel 2:47

* YOUR GOD IS _____
"...no other god can save in this way." Daniel 3:29b

* MY _____ IS GOD'S
"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just." Daniel 4:37a

2. THERE IS A TIME TO _____ A PERSON

Daniel: *"Therefore, O king, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed."* Dan 4:27a

STEPS TO HELP PEOPLE MEET GOD

1. DEVELOP _____
So the king said, "Belteshazzar [Daniel], do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you." Daniel 4:19

2. DISCOVER PEOPLE'S _____
I said, "Belteshazzar...Here is my dream; interpret it for me." Daniel 4:9

3. DISCERN PEOPLE'S _____ (Daniel 4:27a)

Some thoughts on pride...

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of February 21, 2010

QUICK REVIEW: Take a look at your sermon notes from this week. Was there a point in the sermon or a verse that Pastor John read that you really took to heart? Was there anything else that challenged you or caught your attention?

Warming Up

King Nebuchadnezzar had some significant dreams!

1. What's the strangest dream you have ever had?
2. Which (if any) of your dreams have had deeper significance to you?

Digging In

3. The classic list of seven deadly sins is wrath, greed, sloth, pride, lust, envy, and gluttony. Why do you think PRIDE is on that list?

Is pride always a sin? Make a case for yes AND no.

4. Keeping pride and arrogance at bay even in the little things is a challenge for all of us. In the face of the following situations, first write down what an arrogant response could look like. Then jot down how the related Scriptures could help you think and respond better.

Your co-worker or friend confronts you about a questionable decision you made. (Check out **Proverbs 15:31-33**)

A person who was clearly in the wrong has hurt you.
(Check out **Colossians 3:12-14**)

You are doing something good and hope people notice you doing it.
(Check out **1 Peter 2:12**)

5. Another part of resisting arrogance and keeping our egos well tamed is not forgetting where our blessings, abilities and prosperity come from. Read **Deuteronomy 8:10-18** and make a list of the warnings and reminders that God gave His people.

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