



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON

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TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING

Pride

Introduction: We are studying a series on TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING. We seek to recognize the things that happen when we DON'T give God our best. What gets in our way? What things can cripple our own spirituality along with those around us? We need to recognize these enemies and defeat them before they become toxic. Tonight we are going to talk about pride. David said: "*Though the Lord is supreme, He takes care of those who are humble, but He stays away from the proud*" (**Psalm 138:6**). Have you ever wondered why God resists the proud? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Biblical Principles

- A. Pride leads to selfishness (**Proverbs 8:13**).
- B. Pride leads to shame (**Proverbs 11:2**).
- C. Pride leads to strife (**Proverbs 13:10**).
- D. Pride leads to separation (**Proverbs 16:5**).
- E. Pride leads to stubbornness (**Proverbs 16:18-20**).

II. Biblical Examples

- A. The Babylonians (**Genesis 11:1-9**)
- B. Michal (**II Samuel 6:16, 20-23**)
- C. Haman (**Esther 3-7**)
- D. Jerusalem (**Isaiah 2:6-3:5**)
- E. Satan (**Revelation 12**)

Conclusion: **Proverbs 3:34** says, "*God is against the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.*" Toxic Christian living consists of a hypocritical walk. Are you ready to defeat these enemies? Then take action immediately. Do you believe in Jesus? Are you following Him daily? Do you believe in the Bible? Are you obeying what the Bible tells you? Why are you waiting to make things right? Why do we allow pride to consume us? Don't let pride rule your life! It's time to give God your very best!

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