

GIVE IT UP

LETTING GO OF THE 7 DEADLY SINS

Part 3

Keeping Our Spirit Humble

This past weekend Pastor EC continued the series, *Give it Up*. We are focusing on areas that compete for our attention and often called the Seven Deadly Sins. You will hear biblical solutions on how to respond when you detect them. Over these seven weeks, we invite you to journey with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together during this series.

These six things the Lord hates, yes seven that are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.
Proverbs 6:16-19

1. Pride is believing that we have achieved what God and others have done for us and through us and it begins in our heart. Humility is recognizing and acknowledging my total dependance on the Lord, seeking His will for every decision, and it begins in our spirit (read Philippians 2:1-11 James 4:4-10, and 1 Peter 5:5).
2. The first step to help you to conquer pride and to stay humble is to own your own pride (read Proverbs 28:12). We must always be on the guard against the intrusion of pride in our life. You can't fix what you won't face.
3. The second step to keep your spirit humble is to start serving. The single most powerful way to grow in humility is to start quietly serving. There are so many ways at the church to start serving. Paul urges us to avoid selfishness by following the example of Jesus. As Christians we are to have the attitude that enables us to give up our "rights" for the good of others. Are you selfishly clinging to your rights or are you willing to serve?
4. The third thing you can do is to listen to the voice of God to intentionally obey Him as He speaks. Keep listening and learning. It is wrong to seek pleasure at the expense of others or seeking God. When the Holy Spirit fills us, we realize that the things we have coveted are only cheap substitutes for what God has to offer. Is there a step of obedience that you need to take today?

Close in prayer