

THE DEADLY SERIES: 1. PRIDE

*"HOW CAN I BE THE BEST PERSON I CAN BE
WITHOUT BEING BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE"*

Bible Reading: Luke 18:9-14

LK 18:14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.

1. PRIDE CAN BE A DIS-EASE

1PE 2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Luke 18:9-12; Isaiah 14:13-15

Dis- *prefix* indicating **1.** Reversal, e.g. *disconnect*. **2.** Negation or lack, e.g. *dissimilar*; *disgrace*. **3.** Removal or release, e.g. *disembowel*

Ease noun Freedom from difficulty, discomfort or worry

Pride *Noun* **1.** Feeling of pleasure and satisfaction when one has done well. **2.** Too high an opinion of oneself. **3.** Sense of dignity and self-respect. **4.** Something that causes one to feel pride.

❖ How can pride be unattractive?

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2. HUMILITY IS THE CURE

^{PE 5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Luke 18:13; Isaiah 57:15

"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."
(Saint Augustine)

- ❖ Why is humility so attractive?

3. HUMILITY HAS SIDE-EFFECTS

^{PH IL 2:3} Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Luke 18:14; 1 John 1:8-9

"Humility does not mean thinking less of yourself than of other people, nor does it mean having a low opinion of your own gifts. It means freedom from thinking about yourself at all."
(WILLIAM TEMPLE)

- ❖ How can you think about yourself less this week?

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