

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** February 4, 2018

**Series:** Messy Church

**Title:** The Foolishness of Pride

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 4:6-13

**Big Idea:** Considering our calling in Christ Jesus to be humble servants, it is foolish to proud.

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# MAKE IT REAL

## Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

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### REVIEW THE SERMON

What do the following passages say about the foolishness and destructiveness of pride?

- Psalm 10:4
- Proverbs 11:2
- Proverbs 18:12
- Proverbs 28:26
- 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- 1 Peter 5:5

Think of other biblical examples where people went beyond what is written in the Word of God. What motivated them to do this? What was the result? \_\_\_\_\_

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### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Maybe you wouldn't overtly say that you know better than God, but you might be tempted to think it, especially when life is hard and you believe God isn't giving you what you think you need. How might you be tempted to go beyond what is written? How might you think you know better than God? Why is this a manifestation of pride? \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPLY THE TRUTH

Think of something in your life that you boast in as if you earned it when it is a truly a gift of God's grace (e.g. spiritual gifts, talents, moral victories, practical wisdom, relationships, experiences). How does your pride nurture a sense of being more deserving than others or being better than them? Why is this sin and what are you going to do about it? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does your pride blind you to the dangers of sin in your life and give you a false sense of security? Start by considering areas where you think, "I've got that under control," or "I can handle it." What needs to change and how can you repent? \_\_\_\_\_

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### COMMIT THIS WEEK

Reflect this week on the humility of Christ (cf. John 13:1-13; Philippians 2:1-11). How does his humility help you become willing be considered a spectacle for God, a fool for Christ, a sufferer with grace, and scum in the eyes of the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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