

FACE OF PRIDE #13 - DEFENSIVENESS & BLAME SHIFTING

In Genesis 3 God confronts Adam & Eve for the sin of eating the forbidden fruit. When questioned by God as to “Why They Did It” this is the response they gave:

Genesis 3:12-13 The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” 13Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Q? Do we do the same thing? If so, how do we tend to justify it?

Proverbs 10:17 People who accept discipline are on the pathway to life, but those who ignore correction will go astray.

Q? How is being defensive or blame shifting a form of pride? What is at the core of it?

FACE OF PRIDE #14 - UNFORGIVENESS

Q? How is unforgiveness a form of pride?

Q? What is true forgiveness?

Q? How might forgiveness be one of the more difficult areas of obedience toward God?

Q? Have you ever wrestled with or been bound by unforgiveness? How did it affect you?

Mark 11:25-26 “And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your father who is in heaven forgive.”

Q? What stands out to you in this passage?

Matthew 6:12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

* Notice that we are not just required to forgive the “Debt or Sin” committed against us but also the debtor / person who sinned against us.

Q? What is the difference and why is it important to realize?

Q? Can you remember a time in which you had to forgive a debt & the debtor (an offense & the offender)?
- What did it look like & how did it impact your own soul?

Q? What is forgiveness NOT?

John 8:7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Q? Thoughts on this verse?

Q? How is true forgiveness one of the most pure marks of the Christian life & greatest forms of humility we can walk in?