

How to Ruin Relationships And Restore Them God's Way

Lesson One • 1Peter 5:5-7

Be Full of Yourself

Why This Series?

We all have RELATIONSHIPS and sin ruins those relationships, but God's grace through Jesus Christ can restore those relationships.

How to Ruin Relationships and Restore Them God's Way:

To ruin relationships, be PRIDEFUL; to restore relationships, be HUMBLE.

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. 1Peter 5:5-7 ESV

Pride, Humility, and Relationships:

1. Pride Invites the OPPOSITION of God!

Why Does God Hate Pride?

Pride contends with God for SUPREMACY due to a superior view of self and an inferior view of God.

The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: they will not go unpunished. Proverbs 16:5 NIV

The Perils of Pride:

Pride invites opposition from God and is the ROOT CAUSE of ruined relationships.

Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice. Proverbs 13:10 NIV

An arrogant man stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper. Proverbs 28:25 NASB

2. Humility Invites the GRACE of God!

Why Does God Honor Humility?

Humility celebrates DEPENDENCY on God due to a proper view of both self and God.

This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word. Isaiah 66:2 NIV

The Promise of Humility:

God gives His grace to the humble, the POWER to live life and do relationships according to God's plan.

3. Cultivate HUMILITY in Your Life and Relationships!

Two Incentives for Cultivating Humility:

- God will use His mighty hand to EXALT the humble.
- God will use His mighty hand to CARE for the humble.

The Good News:

Jesus humbled Himself to the point of dying on the Cross for our sins so we can be reconciled to God and know Him as Father and no longer as Judge. All we need to do is humble ourselves by trusting Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:6-11 ESV