

Correction to Perfection: 1 Corinthians

Pride vs. Humility

1 Corinthians 4:7-13

I. Characteristics Of Pride! (Displayed by the Corinthians)

A. An air of __superiority__! *V/7a*

1. *Who do we think we are? The answer is __nobody__!*
2. *The Corinthians thought that because they were somebody they had the __right__ to say who was superior and was inferior.*

B. An attitude of __ingratitude__!

1. *'What do you have that you did not receive?' V/7b*
Everything we have is a gift from God, of his __grace__.
1 Chronicles 29:11-14; James 1:17
2. *'If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?' V/7c*
Why are you boasting when you have __nothing__ to boast about?

C. Improper __perspectives__! *V/8*

1. *They think they're __replete__.* *V/8a*
Matthew 5:6
2. *They think they're __rich__.* *V/8b*
1 Corinthians 1:5; Revelation 3:17
3. *They think they're __reigning__.* *V/8c*
2 Timothy 2:12a

D. Wrong __priorities__! *V/10*

1. *This is what they thought of themselves because this is what they __wanted__.* 1

Corinthians 1:27-28

II. Characteristics of Humility! (Displayed by Paul & Apostles)

A. Genuine humility takes joy in another's success! *V/8*

B. Genuine humility is content with God's sovereign choices! *V/9-12a*

1. *Paul was content with his_____.* *V/9-10*

a. *Paul was content with his status because he trusted and submitted to God's sovereign placement of his life. What was Paul's status?*

* **Regarded as displays.** *V/9*

* **Regarded as disreputable.** *V/10, 13b*

Isaiah 53:3; John 15:20

2. *Paul was content with his struggles.* *V/11-12a*

C. Genuine humility demonstrates Christ-like responses. *V/12b-13a*

1. *Genuine humility responds to insult!* *V/12b*

1 Peter 3:9; Luke 6:28a

2. *Genuine humility responds to mistreatment!* *V/12c*

1 Peter 2:23

3. *Genuine humility responds to misrepresentation!* *V/13a*

Luke 6:28b; Romans 12:19-21

What Paul has said about humility, in regards to himself and the apostles, applies also to all believers.

1 Corinthians 4:16

