

Jail Break! Because Pride is a Prison

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Text: 1 Peter 5:5

Introduction:

We often pray for the power of God to be sent from without ourselves, rather than to be released from within ourselves!

When we cling to pride we are choosing to:

1. Embrace different personal _____ than those of Jesus ("Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." — Matthew 11:29)
2. Lack _____ in _____
("If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.—2 Chronicles 7:14)
3. Risk _____ spiritual _____
("Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."--Proverbs 16:18)

A spirit of pride:

1. Hugely increases our _____.
2. Dramatically reduces our _____.
3. Has a _____ effect on our personal _____.
4. Is the single greatest impediment to personal and spiritual _____ (“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.)—Proverbs 11:2
5. Is very difficult to _____, because of the _____ of its _____.
6. Requires the _____ of the Holy Spirit to _____.

Conclusion:

Consider the old African method of capturing monkeys.

Could it be that you have been caught
in the enemy’s snare?

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