

not press for the victory. It can, for the moment, seem like a mini victory, in that I didn't gloat. I can walk away fully content, I not only didn't shame someone else, but I didn't let my pride make me push home the point.

But, if down the line it comes out that the other person was right, I don't mourn my own error, I resent their being the "winner". I don't have to win, as long as you don't... More pride problems.

I am sure you don't fall prey to this kind of thinking. But on the off chance you do, it might look like this...

- You might stop going to restaurants, ball games, or church where people you are "competing against" might show up.
- You might feel happy, or a bit of satisfaction when an old "enemy" is found out by others and "gets what is coming to them."
- You might be more concerned about being right than the way your practice of being right damages third parties.

The insidious thing is that it doesn't have to be one of the things on the list or all of the things on the list. It can crop up in so many areas. We use such energy to allow ourselves to feel disciplined, but hold on to that little scrap of pride, that remnant.

You know, maybe waiting two weeks on the shirt will insure that I am not prideful...

Grace and Peace,

Carl



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²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. Matthew 10:24-25a

Christians are an odd lot. At least I find myself odd. I recognize within myself a propensity toward pride. I understand that it is not a secret. Because of the tendency toward arrogance, I use certain disciplines to limit the areas wherein I recognize it could become a problem. Some of them are silly.

This morning I will wear a new shirt, one I got for Christmas. I could not wear it last week because that was the day after I received it and I didn't want to be "showing off". Foolish, eh?

Pride can be a fearsome beast, because it is a battle within yourself. It crops up in different ways, only a part of which I am aware of.

For example, I can attack the initial manifestation of it, when in competition with someone, say in an argument, I decide to limit myself and

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Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
Afternoon Service—1:15 pm
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Breensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JANUARY 10, 2016

SONG LEADER: Richard Breensing

GATHERING SONG:

No. 238—You Are the Song That I Sing

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10:42-45 (Chase Mansel)

SONGS: No. 693—Heart of a Servant

No. 694—Servant Song

No. 429—O, To Be Like Thee

No. 577—We Bow Down

No. 781—Thank You, Lord!

PRAYER: Garland Mansel

SONG: No. 454—Rock of Ages

COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker

Ben Sizemore

Orrin Feril

Ned Marks

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 628—Will You Not Tell It Today? (vs 1, 3)

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 909—There's a Fountain Free (vs 1)

PRAYER: Joe Cornwell

(CCLI #2440129)

WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today and hope that you will come again! Please stay for lunch right after services.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

All Are Invited!

When: Sunday, January 17th, 4:00 pm (*or whenever you can get there*)

Where: Jeff & Lory Scott's home

What: Games & Visiting for Everyone

Who: Everyone—there will also be activities for the kids

What to Bring: Your Favorite Game; Light Refreshments will be Provided

Why: Because it is great to spend time together!!

MISSION NEWS

Ubaldo Cardona sent news from Parral, Chihuahua this week. He recaps the good things that happened in 2015 and thanks us for our continued support. His newsletter is posted in its entirety for you to read.

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD

- April 15-16; Hartman Arena, Wichita, KS
- Let Janet know this week if you want to be registered early (we can get a discounted fee until January 31st)

Church website: www.stjohnchurchofchrist.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Chris Mansel—scheduled to have more tests

Terry Sallee—injured by a cow last week

Vanessa Rogers—coping with kidney stones

Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - acute leukemia; seeking treatment

Clay Rodgers (infant son of friends of Ben & Baylee)

recent surgery for a rare birth defect

Pati Waters Risley—recent stroke

Dan Hampton—recent surgery

Kay Kinnamon—torn rotator cuff; will need surgery

Brenda Staub—recent thyroid surgery for cancer

Darlene Stimatze (Amber Turner's mother) - recent hip surgery

Michelle Rose (Vanessa Roger's aunt) - in a nursing home

Marilyn Thornburg—recent knee surgery

Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments

John Laudick (Marla's brother-in-law)

Pam Herrenbruck—cancer treatment

Jonathan Batten – chemotherapy

Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)

Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother) – health concerns

Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])

Myron Breensing (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford

Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – Leisure Homestead in Stafford

Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza

Vic & Phyllis Staub – Kenwood Plaza