

Soul Killers

Avoiding The Soul Damage Caused By Pride

1. _____

- Pride _____

Mark 8:34 *Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

- Pride anchors us _____

Colossians 1:13 *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves...*

- Pride _____

1 Corinthians 4:20 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*

2 Corinthians 12:9 *My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

Matthew 5:3 *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

2. _____

James 4:10 *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

a) Watch for _____

b) _____

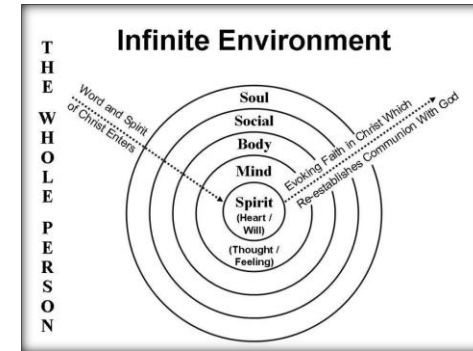
c) Focus on the areas _____

d) Desire life in God's kingdom _____

Colossians 2:6 *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,*

e) Choose humility _____

Luke 18:14 *Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*



Examples of Pride That Can Sneak In

- **Needing to be right** – feeling a subtle resistance to correction or differing opinions, even in small conversations.
- **Defensiveness** – reacting with irritation or justification when confronted, rather than humility or curiosity.
- **Comparison** – measuring your worth or success by how you stack up against others (either superiority or inferiority).
- **Craving recognition** – secretly needing to be noticed, thanked, or praised for your efforts.
- **Unwillingness to ask for help** – insisting on self-sufficiency even when it leads to burnout or isolation.
- **Judging others** – quickly assessing people based on behavior, appearance, or beliefs, without compassion or understanding.
- **Overcommitting** – saying yes to too much out of a desire to be seen as capable, needed, or indispensable.
- **Harboring resentment** – believing you're above the need to forgive or assuming your pain matters more than someone else's.
- **Avoiding confession** – being slow to admit sin, wrong motives, or brokenness—even to God.
- **Making outcomes your responsibility** – trying to control what only God can control, rather than trusting and surrendering.
- **Taking credit** – subtly highlighting your contributions, even when it could be shared or left unspoken.
- **Believing you're the exception** – assuming certain warnings or spiritual disciplines apply to others more than you.
- **Silently believing you're doing better than most** – a quiet superiority that sees yourself as more mature, spiritual, or insightful.

God, my Father and King,

I bring my whole self before You now — open, yielded, and willing.

SPIRIT or HEART or WILL

I surrender my will to Yours. May Your desires become my desires.
I let go of the illusion of control, and I say yes to Your rule in my life.
Not my will, but Yours be done — in this moment, and the next, and the next. Teach me to desire what You desire, and to will what You will.

MIND (Thoughts + Feelings)

Renew my mind, Lord. Let every thought be brought captive to Christ.
Shape my imagination by Your Word, and teach me to think what is true, noble, right, pure, and lovely. I yield my emotions to You — my joy, my sorrow, my anger, my fear. May my feelings not rule me, but be ruled by Your peace.

BODY

This body is Yours — My eyes, hands, voice, energy, and strength.
Let me speak only what You would speak, go only where You would lead, and do only what love requires. Let my habits become holy, my time consecrated, my actions aligned with Your purposes.

SOCIAL CONTEXT

In every relationship, Lord — make me an instrument of Your love.
Free me from the need to impress, control, or win. May I forgive quickly, listen deeply, and serve joyfully. Let my presence be a blessing in my home, my work, my friendships, and even among strangers. Help me see each person as You do — full of value, beauty, and eternal significance.

SOUL (Whole Life Integration)

Unify my scattered self in You. Let my life become a whole, surrendered vessel — no compartments, no hiding, no holding back. Let Your Spirit dwell in every corner of my being, and may my soul find its rest in You alone.

I want to live in moment-by-moment surrender to You — to be fully Yours in thought, word, body, and spirit. Take all that I am and form Christ within me. Let me live this day with You, in You, and for You.
Amen