

D1: The Heart—The Danger of Pride

A. Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines

Purpose: To equip and encourage _____ to shepherd _____ heart toward Jesus Christ with the word of God so that _____ live a gospel-transformed life, thus strengthening the church in its gospel purpose.

Discipline one-_____ heart: _____ prayerfully shepherd _____ heart toward God through the word of God, and in particular, the gospel.

Discipline two-_____ home: _____ minister to those in _____ household with _____ heart for God and the gospel.

Discipline three-ministry: With a heart for God and the gospel, and fulfilling _____ ministry within _____ household, _____ step into the church to shepherd others toward God and the gospel.

"That is how Scripture differs from an encyclopedia. When I use an encyclopedia, I do not need to read other articles to understand the one I am reading at the moment. One article has no connection to another; there are no overarching themes. In the Bible, however, every passage is dependent on the whole, and the whole Bible is held together by interdependent themes that run through every passage like rebar, the steel rods that reinforce concrete. . . . These themes give me a sense of identity, purpose, and direction that will fundamentally alter the way I think, desire, speak, and act. . . . The sad fact is that many of us are simply not biblical in the way we use the Bible! Being biblical does not mean merely quoting words from within its pages. Being truly biblical means that my counsel reflects what the entire Bible is about. The Bible is a narrative, a story of redemption, and its chief character is Jesus Christ. He is the main theme of the narrative, and He is revealed in every passage of the book. Lasting change begins when our identity, purpose, and sense of direction are defined by God's story." (Paul David Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*, pp. 26-28)

AN ILLUSTRATION FOR D1: THE HEART—the relationship between the word of God and the God of the word.

B. The danger to which pride exposes the heart

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (v. 20)

Proverbs 16:5

Hosea 13: 4-6 (Deuteronomy 8:11-20)

2 Chronicles 26:1, 4-5, 16-18

2 Chronicles 26:4-5, 16-18

2 Chronicles 32:24-26

Obadiah 2-3 (Jeremiah 49:16)

1 Peter 5:5-7

Ephesians 4:1-3; Colossians 3:12-14

Philippians 2:1-8