

“The Danger of Self-Exaltation”  
Proverbs 25:27-28

*“You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’” (Isaiah 14:13-14)*

*“But when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore they forgot Me.” (Hosea 13:6)*

*“God gave us a self so we would have something to exalt with, not exalt in.” (John Piper)*

- Proverbs 25:27-28:
  - *“For they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.” (John 12:43)*
    - *“For it is not the one who commends himself (or others commend) who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.” (2 Corinthians 10:18)*
- *“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.” (Proverbs 27:1-2)*
  - *“Self praise stinks, a friend’s praise limps, but a stranger’s praise resounds.” (German Proverb)*
- *“If you have been foolish, exalting yourself, or if you have been devising evil, put your hand on your mouth.” (Proverbs 30:32)*
  - *“Hand on your mouth” is an expression of humility and repentance.*
  - *Self-exaltation can lead us to exalting ourselves above authority, thinking we are more wise than the one in authority.*
- *“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” (Matthew 23:12). “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6b)*
  - *Humility before God is visibly seen in humility before men. God makes visible our humility when we humble ourselves in His sight.*
- *“Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, ‘Come up here,’ than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.” (Proverbs 25:6-7)*
  - *“To put yourself forward” is to want to appear glorious, important, or significant.*
- *“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.” (Romans 12:3)*
  - *“What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?” (1 Corinthians 4:7)*
  - *“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.” (1 Corinthians 3:7)*
- How do we fight self-exaltation?
  - Grieve over our sin.
  - Think about, meditate on, and delight in God’s greatness, mercy, love, grace, and kindness.
  - Remember that self-exaltation is deceptive and we don’t always see it.
  - Plead with God for a greater humility so that you can see Him more clearly and enjoy Him more fully.

**Worship:** I Stand Amazed — *Norton Hall Band* O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer — *Sovereign Grace Music*

**Service Times:** Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum 6pm;  
Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

**Announcements:**

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, May 31st, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for the meal. We invite EVERYONE to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, or have any questions about Church Membership, we are having a New Members' Class the NEXT TWO Sundays, May 31st and June 7th. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up if you are interested in participating in this class. For any questions, please see Pastor Zach.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We are having a Members' Meeting in TWO weeks, on Sunday, June 7th, immediately following the worship service. This is our annual mid-year Business Meeting. If you are a Church Member, please plan on staying for this meeting. This is an open meeting, meaning that even if you are not a Church Member, you are welcome to sit in on the meeting.

★**MEN'S BOWLING BASH:** Men, mark your calendars and plan on attending the Men's Bowling Bash on Saturday, June 20th, at 3:30pm, at Park Lanes Bowling Center. Included in this is: the cost of two games, bowling shoes, pizza, pop, and dessert! There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign-up if you plan on attending the Men's Bowling Bash!

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers to join the Children's Ministry and the Cleaning Ministry. If you are currently a Church Member and are interested in volunteering for either of these ministries, or having questions about serving in either of these ministries, please see Katie Sapp (Children's Ministry) or Krystal Scarberry (Cleaning Ministry).

★*For all other announcements, please see the May Newsletter!*