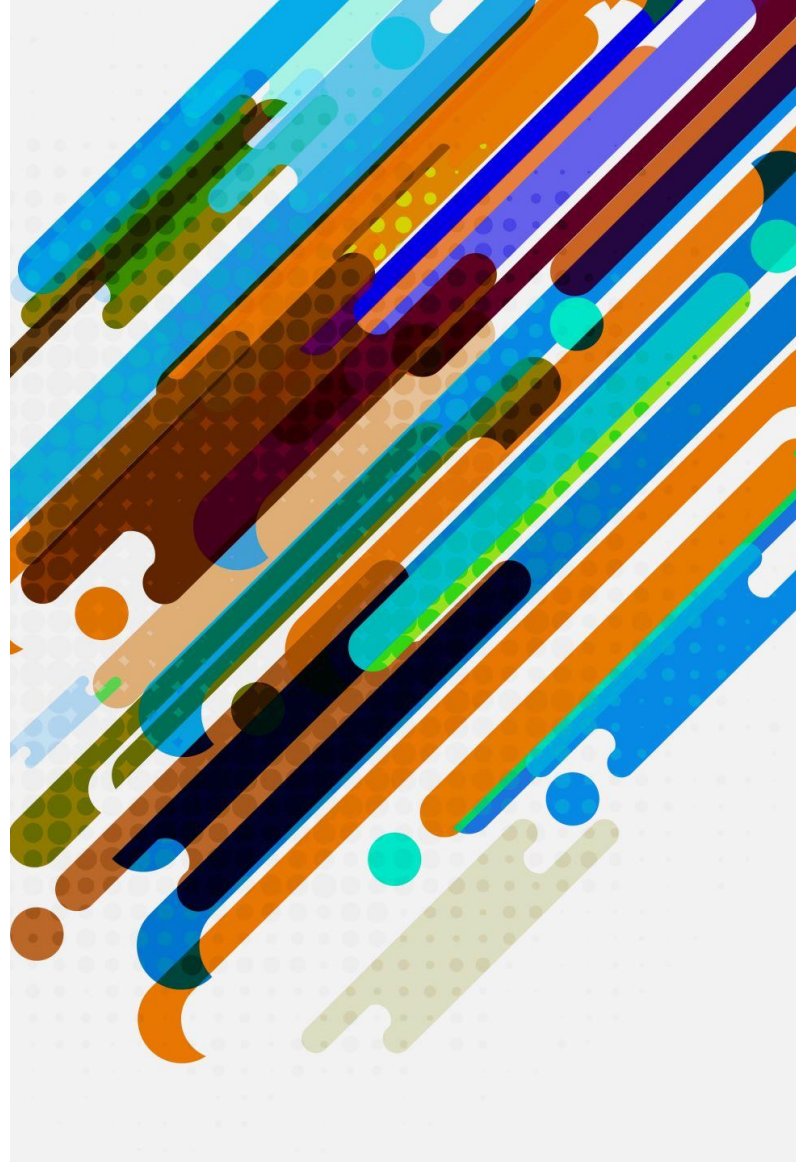


# The Deadliest Sin

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James 4:13-17



# SERMON TEXT

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<sup>13</sup> Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” <sup>14</sup> Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

# What is pride?

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- A high and inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in bearing, conduct and etc. (MW)
- Pride is a character issue that reflects a problem with an inner heart condition.
- Pride expresses itself in a judgmental and boastful spirit.
- Pride can be used to coerce and control others.

# Sermon Outline

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- THE MOST DETESTABLE SIN (V13a)
- THE MOST DANGEROUS SIN – INSIDIOUS OR SUBTLE (V13b)
- THE MANIFESTATIONS OF PRIDE
  - SELF CONFIDENCE (V13-14)
  - SELFISH AMBITION (V15)
  - BOASTING & MANIPULATION (V16a)
- THE SOURCE OF PRIDE (V16b)
- THE CONSEQUENCE OF PRIDE (V17)

# The MOST detestable sin

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# The MOST dangerous sin

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# Manifestations of the sin of pride

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- SELF CONFIDENCE (V13-14)
- SELFISH AMBITION (V15)
- BOASTING & MANIPULATION (V16a)

# SELF confidence

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# Selfish ambition

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# BOAasting and manipulation

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# THE SOURCE OF PRIDE

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BOASTING &  
MANIPULATION

PRIDE

DEVIL

# THE consequence of pride

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# Application

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1. Humility, humility and humility
2. Love, love and love
3. Serve, serve and serve... “quietly”



# 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

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Now concerning brotherly love, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.