The Pursuit of Holiness

Pride and Humility

1. This is also called ____________ which is the process of God's grace by which the believer is ____________ from sin and becomes dedicated to God's righteousness, and it is and the ongoing process of ____________ like Christ in our character.

2. Sanctification results in ____________, the purification from the guilt and ____________ of sin, and the ongoing formation of Christ’s character in our ____________ and lives, until that final day when we are glorified in His presence at the resurrection.

3. Hebrews 10:14 - 14 For by _____ offering He has ______________ for all time those who are sanctified. NASB

4. There is a difference between __________ sanctification, that justifying act when God declared us righteous in His sight on the merits of Christ that became ours when we trusted Christ by faith, having been born again and __________ sanctification which He is accomplishing in us until the day of Christ Jesus, when He will transform us to be immortal.

5. 1 Peter 1:14-16 - 14 As obedient children, do not be __________ to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be _______ yourselves also in ______ your behavior; 16 because it is written, "_______ SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." NASB

6. On this basis we are __________ Holiness. This is our _____ in the Sanctification process. We are to exercise our own _____ and fortitude, with the strength and guidance that _____ provides, to both put off the sinful nature and _____ in the righteousness of God.

7. Philippians 2:12-13 - 12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always ________, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, _______ out your salvation with _______ and trembling; 13 for it is _____ who is at work in you, both to _______ and to work for His good pleasure. NASB

8. We must be about the business of __________ our sin. As John Owen so aptly put it, “Be killing sin or it will be killing ____.” This quote of course comes from his book, The Mortification of Sin, where he is teaching from…Romans 8:12-14

9. _Therefore we want to kill sin_…. immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, __________, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing and __________ other kind of wickedness and sin. **We are to ________ sin and to kill it!**
10. And we want to _____ _____ virtue… love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, compassion, forbearance, forgiveness, and whatever else is like Christ. We are to love __________ and put it on and __________ in it!

11. Basically, the idea is this. **Pride is the _______ and source of every sin** and **humility is the _______ of all virtue in your life.** Therefore, if you make war against your pride, you cutoff sin at the roots, and deprive it of its nutrients and ______. And if you humble yourself before God and others, you allow every other ______ to flow freely from your heart and life.

12. “From Pride to Humility” by Stuart Scott. **Pride** – The mindset of ______, a focus on self and the service of self, a pursuit of self-__________, and self- ____________, and a desire to __________ and use all things for self.

13. **Humility** – The mindset of Christ, a __________ on God and others, a pursuit of the recognition and the exaltation of __________, and a desire to glorify and __________ God in all things and by all things He has given.

14. **Pride is the root and _______ of every sin.** This is because at the heart of every sin is a __________ against the authority and sovereignty of God. Sin the transgression of the God’s Law and it is a __________ display of arrogance. Every time we sin, we say to God, what ___ want to do is more important than what you want and ___ am going to do what ___ want and ______ what you want God.

15. But when you fight against your pride, you kill the chief ________ in your heart that ________ all these sins. When you humble yourself under God’s mighty hand, and properly fear and reverence Him and His Word, you put on the __________ that hates every sin and wants to humbly do what is right. __________ is the medicine that cures the disease of pride.

16. **Humility is the wellspring of all _______ in your life.** In __________ to pride, humility seeks to do what is right because the humble person recognizes that God is ______, and properly reveres Him as such. The humble person knows that they __________ death and hell, and realizes that God has been very gracious to __________ them and instead bless them with many good things in life.

17. Humility is the wellspring of all virtue because “______ gives ________ to the humble.” He blesses the humble with good things, and ________ virtues on the heads of those who ________ them before Him.

18. You humble __________ under the mighty hand of God, acknowledging Him as creator and ________, and see yourself rightly as a creature dependent on Him. You ________ yourself before others and seek their highest good and ________ them, just like Jesus taught us and showed us. With this we will render _____ powerless in our lives and we will be free to glorify God and enjoy Him forever!

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