



Two foundational truths:

1. Human beings like to _____ (2 Cor 11:18)
2. God hates human _____ (Prov 16:5; Luke 16:15) Why? Because it...
 - * Fuels action for the sake of _____ name over his (Gen 11:4)
 - * Takes credit for what he has _____ and is doing (Judg 7:2)
 - * Entices me to _____ on myself, not him (Luke 18:10-12)
 - * Leads me to feel sufficient in my own _____, not his (Dan 4:30)
 - * Discourages me from admitting _____ and needs that could highlight his power

Pride was the root of many problems among the church of God in Corinth (1 Cor 1:10-12; 3:1-4, 21; 4:6; 5:2; 8:1; 13:4)

But what did the Holy Spirit through Paul actually call them to boast in?

- * 1 Cor 1:22 - not _____ (outward displays) or _____ (inner depths)
- * The word of the _____ (1:23-31)—turning human boasting upside down, teaching us to boast in the best (Jer 9:23-24; 2 Cor 4:1-6; 10:13-17; 12:7-10)

What does it sound like to boast in the best?

- * "My soul makes its boast in the _____" (Psa 34:1-3)
- * "He must _____, but I must decrease" (John 3:30)
- * "The world has been _____ to me, and I to the world" (Gal 6:14)
- * "Christ will be honored in my _____" (Phil 1:20-21)
- * "By _____ you have been saved through faith" (Eph 2:8-9)