

LOVE IS HUMBLE (I Corinthians 13:4)

Evil Is a Theory of Success Based on Pride and Self-Determination - Is 14; Ex 28

... God made life so that self-absorbed people can't make it work

The Corinthians Had Lost the Primacy of Love - I Cor 13

...They had become rich in opinions, but impoverished in love - I Cor 8:1-3

...They had left their first love - Rev 2:4; I Jo 4:19

...Resulting in jealousy: focused on getting, not giving

...in boastfulness: drawing attention to themselves, not others

...in arrogance: demanding others bow, but unwilling to bow to others

The Antidote: Humility - Phil 2:3-8

...True love goes "low" - Matt 11:29

Humility Defuses Jealousy - Prov 6:34; Ja 4:16

...It knows the secret to contentment is in the contents - Phil 4:11-13; Col 2:9-10;
II Pet 1:3,4; Matt 6:33

...It slays all fantasies of success/security on the altar of reality - II Cor 12:9

...It rejoices with those who rejoice, weeps with those who weep - Ro 12:15

Humility Deflates Boasting - Phil 4:19

...Thank God for grace - I Cor 4:7

...Put others in the spotlight, not yourself - I Cor 14:26; II Cor 12:19; 13:10

...Learn to get your "well done" from God - Matt 6:4,6,18

Humility Demolishes Arrogance - Lk 18:9-14

...Get off the mountain top and into the valley - Mk 9:2ff; Heb 7:7

...Get off the pedestal and onto your knees - Jo 13:1ff; Lk 22:27