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Topic: Beware of Boasting!

Text: Proverbs 14:33

1. People who boast are those who have accomplished something in their field of expertise. Those who have failed feel ashamed and would usually want to remain invisible. In Proverbs 14:33, the idea of boasting is seen in the phrase "*to make known*". Of all the sins, the most deadly sin is the pride of life. This is because even in one's old age, he can still feel proud of all his accomplishments in this life.
2. **The Source of Boasting.** The heart is the source of boasting. The tongue is the main instrument where prideful words come out of us. But the heart is where it all begins. The only way that we can overcome boasting is to be born again. This comes by hearing the true gospel of salvation and acknowledging that all our works are filthy rags without Christ. There is nothing we can boast about because all we have comes from God. Nebuchadnezzar was one who had every power and knowledge in this world, but he had to be humbled to the dust before he finally acknowledged God as the true and living God.
3. **The Cure of Boasting.** The cure of boasting is for wisdom to have a dwelling place in one's heart. Will you let wisdom have her dwelling place in your heart? After knowing God's Word, one must obey and apply God's Word. When you do it, wisdom will slowly build her home in your heart.
4. **The Curse of Boasting.** The curse of boasting is that God will call you a fool. A born again believer will not want to go back to the worldly way of boasting again. But no one is immune from the sin of boasting, so we must guard our heart against it. David's last sin was the sin of boasting because he numbered the people. He was prideful and he had to face the consequences of his sin. We must learn to redirect every accomplishment and praise that men give us to God because we are just but unprofitable servants of the Lord.

Be a nobody so that God can give you all the wisdom you need