

We Equals Nothing

“Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught *nothing*.”

Anything that begins
with “we”
is bound to end with
nothing.

Invariably, the reason “we” starts a sentence for Christians is that some element of pride is in the way of our goals.

What is the point of your pride?

According to Paul in the book of Philippians,
“our high position in Christ demands a lowly walk.”
Dan Dehaan,
The God You Can Know

Consider the following “deadly sins”
that prevent Christians from walking humbly before God

First deadly sin:

Apathy...

Lacking any desire to live my life for Christ in a humble way.

Antidote:

Live your life with
PURPOSE!

Philippians 2:2, 12

“...work together with one heart and purpose.” *NLT*

Second deadly sin:

Selfishness...

Attempting to serve God and others for only one reason...
yours!

Antidote:

Learn how to think humbly by remembering that
others are just as good or better than you are!

Philippians 2:3, 4

“It takes an unselfish person not to murmur.”

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Philippians 2:14

Third deadly sin:

Lack of Quietness...

The continual ability to live your life at mach 4,
your hair on fire and your MP3 set to
BLAST!

Antidote:

Turn off the noise in your world and
spend time quietly in the presence of God

“Quietness is next to Insanity to many people.”

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Philippians 2:5-7

Fourth deadly sin:

Lack of hatred for sin...

Antidote:

Understand that the only righteous standard for a
Christian is the word of God.

The only way to let the world know that
is to live your life by its standards.

“When you begin to identify yourself with God’s interests,
you begin to hate what he hates.”

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Philippians 2:14, 15

Fifth deadly sin:

Pride...

Having a higher opinion about your life and
capabilities than God does!

Antidote:

Adopt the ministry example of Epaphroditus...
he risked his life for others!

Adopt the ministry example of Jesus...
he gave up his life for everyone!

Philippians 2:5-8

“Christ must be our possession and our pattern.

The former
produces confidence;
the latter produces
humility.”

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