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PRIDE
HATRED
INSOLENCE
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GREED
ANGER
FOOLISHNESS
JEALOUSY, ENVY



PRIDE goes before
destruction, and a
haughty spirit before a fall.
PROVERBS 16:18

Healthy Pride vs Competitive Pride

Overcoming Competitive Pride

What is the Christian's source of value?

John 3:16

For God so loved [me] that He gave His only begotten Son, that [if I believe] in Him [I shall] not perish but [I shall] have everlasting life.

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that [I] loved God, but that He loved [me] and sent His Son to be the propitiation for [my] sins.

Overcoming Hatred*We "overcome evil with good".*

..."You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
(Matthew 22:37-40 ESV)

Overcoming Hatred*All people are made in the image of God, and are therefore worthy of respect*

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:27 NKJV)

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.
(1 John 4:20 ESV)

Can I love someone who hates me?

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
(Matthew 5:44 ESV)

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? (Matthew 5:46 ESV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5 ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love... (Galatians 5:22 ESV)

Love is not approval or agreement

Avoid finding blame and trying to discern motives.

...man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7 ESV)

...you, you only, know the hearts of the children of mankind
(2 Chronicles 6:30 ESV)

Avoiding Greed and Jealousy: Contentment

..I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. ...I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:11-13 ESV)

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.
(1 Timothy 6:6-7 ESV)

*...the world is passing away along with its desires but
whoever does the will of God abides forever.
(1 John 2:17 ESV)*

Avoiding Greed and Jealousy: Gratitude

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

- 1) who forgives all your iniquity,
 - 2) who heals all your diseases,
 - 3) who redeems your life from the pit,
 - 4) who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
 - 5) who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's..
- (Psalm 103:2-5ESV)

Avoiding Greed and Jealousy: Gratitude

6)... He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

7) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

8) as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:10-12 ESV)

Avoiding Greed and Jealousy: Fairness

It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found. (Luke 15:32 ESV)



Avoiding Greed and Jealousy: Fairness

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. (1 Peter 2:23 ESV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33 ESV)

Avoiding Anger and Short Temper

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, ...that you may obtain a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9 ESV)

The LORD [is] merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. (Psalm 103:8 KJV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is ...patience, ...self-control... (Galatians 5:22-23 ESV)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8 ESV).

Anger ← frustration ← unmet expectations

Avoiding Anger and Short Temper: Dealing with Difficult People

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! (Psalm 37:7 ESV)

Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. (Galatians 6:8 NLT)

Avoiding Anger and Short Temper: Dealing with Difficult People

"Don't answer the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are."
(Proverbs 26:4 NLT)

Don't let someone else's words or attitudes determine yours.





Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9 NIV)

- He answered, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" ...
- (Exodus 2:14 ESV)

Intervention vs Interference

1. He didn't know the men or the situation
2. They didn't ask for his help
3. It wasn't his fight

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. (Romans 12:18 ESV)

Finally...

*Not all conflicts can be resolved.
We are called to love, not to fix.*

*Remember that your opponent needs the Lord.
[Correct your] opponents with gentleness.
God may perhaps grant them repentance
leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they
may come to their senses and escape from
the snare of the devil...*
(2 Timothy 2:25-26 ESV)

