

While we are all apt to fall into this sin, and there are some people whose lives are utterly wrecked by this sin, I incline to think that the majority of people need a little more pride than they have rather than a little less. At least in our present generation the tendency is for a certain shyness and holding back which prevents you from accomplishing what you could ^{which} and/often is covered up by an apparent egotism which is not really ~~there~~ there.

So I think these three are points that I think are very important to think about-- points which like all sin are sin and to be avoided. Points which do not last, as v. 17 says, "the world passes away and the lust of it, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

But I don't think that "all" is to be taken in a universal sense. Not that all that is in the world is bad. Not that all that the flesh might desire is bad. Not that all that the eye might desire to say "this is mine" is bad. Not that all personal standing up and being what God wants you to be is bad, but when these are carried to a point to which they should not go, they become terrible sins. They lead to those sins which Paul so strongly criticized in Col. 3:5-8 where he says, Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth fornication, uncleanness, evil desire and covetousness which is idolatry, for which things sake the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience. In the which ye also walked when ye lived in them, but now ye also put off all these, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

I think one of the commonest sins among Christians is gossip