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# **The Vice of Vainglory, The Church, and YOU (Or, How to Share your Virtue without Showing Off)**

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- I. Vainglory: an unfamiliar name, but an embarrassingly familiar face
- II. Glory: a good thing gone bad
  - a. “Goodness made manifest”
  - b. For “vain” or empty things: 1) fakery, 2) fluff, and 3) evil stuff
  - c. Glorifying “in vain”: secular and sacred glory seekers, imaginary audiences
- III. Roots of Vainglory
  - a. Pride: glory-worthy selves
  - b. Hybrid cases...the downward spiral
  - c. Fear: glory-needy selves
- IV. The Damage  
    Communication, cover-up, and community
- V. Practices of Resistance
  - a. Go to the graveyard
  - b. *Confessions*
  - c. Solitude
  - d. Silence (an exercise)
- VI. From Vainglory to Virtue
  - a. Gifts and Gratitude: lessons from U2 and St. Augustine
  - b. Creating a culture of good glory
  - c. Let your light shine

