

Not I

When I was a leader in a Christian kids club, we played a game. Each person, including myself, wore five pieces of small paper with the letter "I" written on each. If anyone heard someone say "I", they could pull one of the "I" papers off that person. After club, anyone still wearing a strip of paper would receive a prize. The object was not to say "I." I thought to myself, "I can do this." Well, you guessed it. By the end of club, no one had any "I" papers left, including myself.

This little game illustrated how self-centered we all are. So many times a day we said, "I want this, and I want that. I want to do what I want to do. I want to be rich and happy."

Satan rebelled against God saying, "I want to be like the Almighty." The middle letter of pride is I. The middle letter of sin is I. Let us take that "I" and put it in the middle of Christ. Placing Jesus first, others second and ourselves last.

"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:..." Gal. 2:20

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