

**“Pride Pt.2”**  
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Pride is a terrible and evil thing that can possess anyone who is not mindful, it can transform you in a person that God has not made you to be.

A few questions to understand Pride.

**I. What is \_\_\_\_\_?**

**1. Pride begins with Satan.**

Ezekiel 28:17

Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

Isaiah 14:12-15

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.

Proverbs 16:18 tells us that: *Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.* / 1 Peter 5:5 tells us that *“God opposes the proud”*.

**Adam & Eve....** the root of all evil, and the beginning of sin is PRIDE.

**Romans 12.** <sup>3</sup> *Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning:*

*Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.*

**A classic definition of pride** is the one put forward by the Medieval Jewish philosopher, **Baruch Spinoza**: “Pride is thinking more highly of oneself than is just, out of love for oneself” (Neu, 1999, p. 54). In other words, pride is inordinate self-esteem arising out of self-centeredness. .... (The world revolves around you)...

Philippians 2:3-4. <sup>3</sup> *Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.* <sup>4</sup> *Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.*

Clarifying The Concept. Pride should not be confused with:

- Self-respect.
- proper self-esteem
- “Feeling proud”

**II. How does God \_\_\_\_\_ about Pride?**

**1. God hates the attitude of Pride and arrogance.**

Proverbs 8:13. *“All who fear the Lord will hate evil. Therefore, I hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech.”*

Proverbs 16:5 *The Lord detests the proud; they will surely be punished.*

Proverbs 6:16-17

<sup>16</sup> *These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to him: <sup>17</sup> a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

God hates pride because it is a manifestation of the deepest depravity.  
It is the root cause of all forms of sin.

**2. God Opposes the Proud**

1 Peter 5:5-6

<sup>5</sup> *In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”* <sup>6</sup> *So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up!!!*

**Opposes =** antitassó Verb

**Definition:** to range in battle against you, to set oneself against

**James 4:6** But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, **“God opposes the proud** but gives grace to the humble.”

**3. God stays away from the Proud.**

Psalm 138:6 *Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble, but He keeps his distance from the proud.*

### III. How can I know I'm a \_\_\_\_\_ person?

1. A prideful person ignores God.

Psalm 10:4 *In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek God; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."*

2. A prideful person doesn't live in harmony with other people.

Rom. 12:16 *Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

3. A prideful person belittles other people.

Proverbs 11:12 *Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.*

4. A prideful person thinks they know it all.

Proverbs 26:12 *Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.*

5. A prideful person is a person who brags about themselves

Proverbs 27:2 *Let someone else praise you, not your own mouth, a stranger, not your own lips.*

6. A prideful person gossips and talks bad or negative about others.

Psalm 101:5 *I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors. I will not endure conceit and pride.*

### IV. What are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Pride?

Proverbs 16:18-19 *Pride goes before destruction*

1. You can lose all that God Has giving you. King Belshazzar after king Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 5:20 *But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him....*

Nebuchadnezzar experience similar experience....

Daniel 4:37

*Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.*

Proverbs 15:25

*The Lord tears down the house of the proud but maintains the widow's boundaries.*

2 Chronicles 25. (Amaziah father of Uzziah's)

<sup>14</sup> *When King Amaziah returned from slaughtering the Edomites, he brought with him idols taken from the people of Seir. He set them up as his own gods, bowed down in front of them, and offered sacrifices to them! <sup>15</sup> This made the Lord very angry, and he sent a prophet to ask, "Why do you turn to gods who could not even save their own people from you?"<sup>16</sup> But the king interrupted him and said, "Since when have I made you the king's counselor? Be quiet now before I have you killed!".....*

Uzziah's Pride and Punishment. 2 Chronicles 26:16

*But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the Lord his God and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.*

2. Your pride can make you overconfident!

1 Corinthians 10:12 *Therefore, let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.*

Proverbs 16:18-19 *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

3. Your pride may develop an unrealistic view of yourselves.

Romans 12 <sup>3</sup>..... *I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are...*

Eph. 2. <sup>9</sup> *Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

<sup>10</sup> *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

4. Pride Creates a Critical Spirit.

Matthew 7:4 *why do you see the spec that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?*

**V. What should I do to \_\_\_\_\_ pride at all cost?**

**1. Find a way to Serve Others.**

Phil. 2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

**2. Be Humble.**

Proverbs 18:12-13. <sup>12</sup> *Before destruction the heart of a person is proud, but humility comes before honor.*

Isaiah 66:2 *All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.*

Proverbs 16:19 *It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

James 4:10 *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

**3. Don't boast of your accomplishments.**

2 Corinthians 10:17-18

*"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.*

1 Corinthians 4:7

*For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?*

**4. Be thankful**

Jeremiah 9:23

*Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,*

**5. Thing of yourself with sober judgement**

Romans 12:3

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

Luke 14:11

*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

**6. Love people.**

1 Corinthians 13:4

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant*

**7. Repent. Ask God to forgive you**

2 Chronicles 32:25-26

*But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. Therefore, wrath came upon him and Judah and Jerusalem. But Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.*