

# Pride

An insidious sin that seeks to color and corrupt all mental and verbal activity and choices in your life.

**A special subject for  
you to be great in the  
sight of God and men.**

**One of the most  
despised sins in the  
word of God that we  
often overlook.**

**One of the most  
corrupting sins in the  
word of God that we  
underestimate.**

**If you do not put it to  
death ... it will take  
you and your family  
down from your  
possible success.**

Everyone has it

God hates it

It cannot be hid

Men despise it in others

It will take you down

Beating it brings honor

You can change it

You must kill it

**What is the subject?**

**Pride**



**Let us despise  
even the smell  
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# PRIDE

A HIGH OR OVERWEENING OPINION OF ONE'S OWN QUALITIES, ATTAINMENTS, OR ESTATE, WHICH GIVES RISE TO A FEELING AND ATTITUDE OF SUPERIORITY OVER AND CONTEMPT FOR OTHERS; INORDINATE SELF-ESTEEM.

**29 We have heard the pride of Moab,  
(he is exceeding proud) his loftiness,  
and his arrogancy, and his pride, and  
the haughtiness of his heart.**

**30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD;  
but it shall not be so; his lies shall not  
so effect it.**

**Jeremiah 48:29-30**

**Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol  
and honour the King of heaven, all  
whose works are truth, and his ways  
judgment: and those that walk in pride  
he is able to abase.**

**Daniel 4:37**

**21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.**

**22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.**

**23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.**

**Acts 12:21-23**

Pride

Arrogant

Conceit

Haughty

Lofty

Highminded

Puffed up

Stout heart



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will  
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**Pride goeth before destruction, and an  
haughty spirit before a fall.**

**Proverbs 16:18**



**Before destruction the heart of man is  
haughty, and before honour is humility.**

**Proverbs 18:12**

**A man's pride shall bring him low: but  
honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.**

**Proverbs 29:23**

**Surely he scorneth the scorers: but he  
giveth grace unto the lowly.**

**Proverbs 3:34**

**For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.**

**Luke 14:11**



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# What Is Pride? – 1

- It does not have to be outward, verbal boasting.
- Inward superiority or haughty thoughts are pride.
- Compare and contrast to lust of flesh and eyes.
- It deceives you to think highly of self (Ro 12:3; Gal 6:3).
- Antonyms ... humility, meekness, poor of spirit, etc.

# What Is Pride? – 2

- Humility is a low estimate or opinion of yourself.
- Don't wonder if you are proud ... you got it at birth!
- Pride is what got the devil thrown down to hell!
- Fight lusts by avoiding ... but pride is always there!
- Pride is the constant worry if others esteem you.

# What Is Pride? – 3

- Pride is the constant envy of others' advantages.
- Pride compares yourself to others to be “better.”
- Pride is desire for others to do more for you.
- Pride is selfishness that keeps you from serving.
- Pride is pleasure hearing another in trouble or sin.

Lucifer damned for it

Herod Agrippa I killed

Nebuchadnezzar demoted

Devil with Eve

Devil with Jesus

Ahithophel

Hezekiah

Uzziah



**Pride**

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# Evidence #1 – Contentions

- Contention is only by pride (Pr 13:10; 21:24; 22:10).
- A person with relational problems is proud.
- Wars and fightings are due to pride (Jas 4:1-7).
- Pride keeps from overlooking, forgiving, etc.
- Pride finds comfort in criticism, bitterness, etc.

# Evidence #2 – Taking Correction

- Pride will reject correction or instruction (Pr 26:16).
- Taking correction is ... #1 mark of wisdom or folly.
- You arrived ignorant ... and little has changed.
- Humbly hear others and mistrust your own ideas.
- Test girlfriends ... reject any not saying, *“Yes, sir!”*

# Evidence #3 – Odious

- Graciousness always includes much humility.
- Kings do not choose proud for friends (Pr 22:11).
- Not esteemed or loved by many indicates pride.
- Humility loves to forgive and forget and cover.
- Proud souls resist, resent, criticize, contend, etc.

# Evidence #4 – Family Pride

- Pride is either cultivated or destroyed at home.
- Children/youth love family pride like cheerleaders.
- Children/youth that get along well prove humility.
- Children/youth with regular conflicts prove pride.
- Rules also apply to your wife ... how loved is she?

# Evidence #5 – Public Oddities

- Desire to be different or unconventional is pride.
- Conventionality is part of humility and unity.
- Bible charity includes no unseemly behavior.
- Great men choose loving favor, not eccentricity.
- Humility wants to be as compatible as possible.

# Miscellaneous Evidence - 1

- Backbiting, criticizing, slandering ... to lower others!
- Whining of circumstances ... you deserve better?
- Slow at forgiving others ... you enjoy their faults!
- Why wait for your spouse to make overtures?
- Envy or jealousy inside when others are praised.



# Miscellaneous Evidence - 2

- Recall little offences from the past to justify self.
- Little service to others ... your life is more precious?
- Fancy clothes, cars, house, vacations, meals, etc.
- Expecting the church/others to do more for you.
- Isolation, distance, avoidance ... are love of self.

# Miscellaneous Evidence - 3

- Most “principle” in relationship problems is pride.
- Criticize or despise those living wiser than you.
- Body language or haughty face ... like a superior.
- Disrespect of authority ... for you could do better?
- Overstay visits ... or call or text or email too often.

# Miscellaneous Evidence - 4

- Texting in public ... show of superiority over nada!
- Strong, silent type ... strong how? ... why silent?
- Backdoor praise ... giving thanks ... confessing.
- Talking more than listening without solicitation.
- Prefer limelight in ways, not the unseen servant.

# God Hates Pride

- He damned Lucifer to eternal torment for it.
- He resents your lofty thoughts about yourself.
- He will blow against you to expose your folly.
- He loves the humble and will always assist them.
- He has and will judge with severity, now and later.

# Pride Ruins You - 1

- It destroys prudence and tempts to foolish risks.
- It causes men to rage confidently and rush ahead.
- It causes men to ignore wise counsel to be heady.
- It causes men to continue pressing a losing cause.
- It blinds you to your faults and of your family.
- It keeps you from saying you are wrong and sorry.

# Pride Ruins You - 2

- It keeps you from loving and serving others.
- It leads you to boast at home about superiority.
- It costs your family friends, esteem, spouses, etc.
- It costs you evangelism ... even pagans discern it.
- It slows or stops learning ... by assuming wisdom.

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**James 4:6**

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**Warning!**



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**Warning!**

# Cure #1 – Fear the LORD

- Fearing God is to hate pride and arrogancy (Pr 8:13)!
- Get a real vision of God – like Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8).
- Humility with God is crucial for blessing or success.
- Pride starts in heart ... clean up with God there.
- Submit ... confess ... repudiate ... denigrate ... now!

# Cure #2 – Pray as a Fool

- Get down as an ignorant little child (Ps 131:1-2)!
- Pray like Solomon / Jehoshaphat (I Kg 3:5-15; II Ch 20:1-19).
- Never pray like the haughty Pharisee (Luke 18:11-14).
- Open up your whole life to God's correction.
- Repeat your errors and ignorance for His wisdom.

# Cure #3 – Childlike Humility

- Childlike faith is not a goal, for they are ignorant.
- Jesus used a child to illustrate humility to the 12.
- No ambitions, agenda, protection, or pretensions.
- Simplicity without guile and eager cooperation.
- Without shame of measuring inferior to others.

# Cure #4 – Pray for the Lowly

- Pray for blessings on those you proudly despise.
- True love and forgiveness prays for its enemies.
- Pray good on enemies ... God's blessings on them.
- Lift up the lowly to God and seek their prosperity.
- Confess their faults or weaknesses in true charity.

# Cure #5 – Embrace Defrauding

- Paul said to take wrong in small matters (1 Cor 6:1-8).
- No one has ever hurt you more than 100 pence.
- God forgave you 10,000 talents ... so why fuss?
- Forgive and forget all offences against you ... now!
- It is better to be cheated or violated ... than pride.

# Cure #6 – Break Your Heart

- God will always accept the broken (Ps 51:17; Is 66:2).
- How? Confess your sins ... and your sinfulness!
- Even Ahab and Manasseh found mercy this way.
- Repudiate and ridicule all your sins – esp. pride!
- Tell Him ... without Him ... you are less than nothing.



# Cure #7 – Serve the Lowly

- The uncomely members deserve greater honor.
- Don't hang with family and friends – it is arrogant.
- Get outside your little life by serving other lives.
- Sodom's pride went along with neglect of poor.
- Keep your charity hidden as you reasonably can.

# Cure #8 – Wait Your Turn

- If young ... then wait ... and wait ... like Elihu did.
- If modestly successful ... let greater men speak.
- If married two years ... you have little to offer.
- If you are in first house ... you have little to offer.
- Overall ... avoid any place or position of esteem.

# Cure #9 – Hate Praise of You!

- Never! ... ever! ... commend yourself (Pr 25:27; 27:2).
- Realize that praise of you is very dangerous (Pr 27:21).
- Praise is right from others ... but is scary (Ro 16:1-16).
- Hate the creative evil of backdoor compliments.
- Graciously defer or deflect it to God or others.

# Cure #10 – Love Praise to Others!

- Some of you seldom praise anyone ... why not?
- The more you exalt others ... you gain humility.
- You don't trust it publicly? ... then do it privately!
- Turn your home into a praise den for all others!
- Teach your children to find the good in all others.

# Cure #11 – Confess Faults

- If you have not confessed errors ... you are a liar!
- Learn to say you are sorry ... for you're a sorry man!
- How fast and thorough can you admit your fault?
- Real men admit their faults and gain in authority!
- Admit the folly of your children ... we all know it.

# Cure #12 – Assess You Correctly

- All you are and have ... are gifts from God (1 Cor 4:7).
- Glorifying in your accomplishments is nauseous!
- What about Paul? ... praise grace like him (1 Co 15:10)!
- What about Paul? ... match his denigration (Ep 3:8)!
- Measure yourself by Jesus ... rather than Demas!

# Cure #13 – Appreciate Correction

- Love any smiting by the righteous (Ps 141:5; Pr 27:6).
- Do not despise harsh prophesying (I The 5:20; II Cor 10:5).
- Sure, you could do better ... but no one thinks so!
- Choose counselors most likely to correct you.
- Try exaggerating correction rather than dilute it.

# Cure #14 – Esteem Others Better

- They are better ... so this should not be difficult!
- This is basic Bible Christianity (Rom 12:10; Phil 2:3-4).
- Learn to love others like you adore yourself!
- Ask about them ... listen well ... praise freely.
- Jesus went to the cross for you ... what of others?



# Cure #15 – Correct Offences

- Go to others and apologize for offence (Matt 5:23-24).
- Pride hinders you ... not principle ... so get down!
- You think you're humble? ... do it to your spouse!
- It takes two to fight ... so be a pillow against pride.
- Replay interactions for your errors ... not theirs!

# Cure #16 – Try Romans 12:16

- Be agreeable with others ... flush independence!
- Be unpretentious and disregard the great life!
- Condescend ... get down ... to men of low estate!
- Get over yourself and your ideas ... they are dung!
- How far did Jesus descend for you? ... Get down!

# Cure #17 – Compare Honestly

- Stop comparing yourself with others (II Cor 10:12).
- You can always find someone worse in your mind.
- Compare yourself to Jesus Christ ... you are scum!
- Measure yourself by the crowd craving your time.
- Use Bible rules like ... souls saved, real fruit, etc.

# Cure #18 – Fear Its Danger

- Remember the warning of destruction and falling.
- Pride is with you 24/7 to color all mental activity.
- Remember the connection to the devil himself.
- You have a perverse default to exalt/protect self.
- Despise and reject any thought honoring yourself.

# Cure #19 – Keep Thy Heart

- To keep your life, you must keep your heart (Pr 4:23).
- So ... do not allow any exalted thoughts of self.
- So ... think mostly of your faults and inabilities.
- So ... think only good, positive thoughts of others.
- So ... rejoice and give thanks for favors on them.

# Cure #20 – Keep Thy Mouth

- Once your heart is kept, guard all words (Matt 12:34).
- Pure heart = gracious lips = humble words (Pr 22:11).
- Speak well of men ... high and low (Eccl 10:20; Pr 30:10).
- Do not boast of you or tomorrow (Pr 27:1-2; I Cor 4:7).
- Praise men directly and back-kiss (Phile 1:4-7; Ro 16:1-16).

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**Godly love is defined  
by 15 phrases in  
I Cor 13:4-7.**

**Many, if not all, of the  
phrases (underlined)  
are related to pride.**



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**God loves the humble.**

**He is ready to pour out  
grace on those that  
love it with Him!**

# **THE BOTTOM LINE**

**Repent of any sins.**

**Commit to Christ.**

**Serve the King.**

**Hate all pride.**

**Be God's man!**

# For Further Study

- Sermon, “Pride”: <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/pride2.pdf>
- Commentary on Proverbs 11:02: [http://www.letgodbetrue.com/Proverbs/11\\_02.htm](http://www.letgodbetrue.com/Proverbs/11_02.htm).
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