

THE PROBLEM WITH PRIDE
2 Samuel 16:15-17:14

Signs that pride is a problem in my life:

1. I am more concerned with who's around me than who's in me

Meanwhile Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem; and Ahithophel was with him. (15)

2. I am more persuaded by what people say than what people do

And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but whom the Lord and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his I will be, and with him I will remain. Furthermore, whom should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so will I be in your presence." (18-19)

3. I am more prone to follow advice that appeals to my flesh than my spirit

And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong." (21)

4. I am more likely to make decisions that will bring me glory rather than God

So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel." For the Lord had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring disaster on Absalom. (17:14)

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

"God resists the proud,

But gives grace to the humble."

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:6-7