

# Real World Skit

*Three students talk about pride and giving God credit for their abilities.*

**Student 1:** Yay! I made an A on the spelling test! How did you do?

**Student 2:** *(looking sad)* Uh. Not so hot.

**Student 1:** Maybe you should study harder.

**Student 2:** *(looking annoyed)* Oh, like you, huh?

**Student 1:** *(looking proud)* Nah. I hardly ever have to study. Spelling just comes naturally to me.

**Student 2:** Well, you don't have to brag about it. *(Frowns and moves off to the side)*

**Student 1:** Oh, you're just mad because I did better than you. *(Sees Student 3)* Hey! How did you do on the spelling test? I got an A.

**Student 3:** *(walking up to Student 1)* Yeah. Me, too.

**Student 1:** I bet you didn't score as high as I did.

**Student 3:** Uh. 95.

**Student 1:** Hah! 98! I beat you.

**Student 3:** Well, we both did well—that's great. But we shouldn't brag about it though.

**Student 1:** Why not? I'm pretty proud of myself. Mrs. Barnes said I should be proud of myself.

**Student 3:** Yeah, but we can have the wrong kind of pride.

**Student 1:** What do you mean?

**Student 3:** We shouldn't take all the credit for what we do.

**Student 1:** How come? I'm the one who made the grade. I didn't cheat or anything.

**Student 3:** Oh, I know you didn't. But we can only do things because of God.

**Student 1:** I don't get what you're saying.

**Student 3:** It's God who helped us make good grades on our test. And didn't you say you did a super job in the gymnastics competition last week?

**Student 1:** Yeah. I sure did—tied for first!

**Student 3:** Well, God helped you do that, too. He helps us do everything.

**Student 1:** Huh. I guess you're right. Where did you hear all this?

**Student 3:** At church.

**Student 1:** Hmm. What else did they say about this pride thing?

**Student 3:** Um, let's see. . . . When we're good at things, it's because God made us that way. So we really should thank God for our abilities and for helping us do well.

**Student 1:** So that's why I shouldn't brag then? Because it's not just me, it's God who helps me?

**Student 3:** Right. If it weren't for God, we wouldn't even be here.

**Student 1:** Wow! I never thought about it that way before. I guess we have a lot to give God credit for then.

**Student 3:** We sure do! And when we give God the credit, it's a good way to tell others about him, too.

**Student 1:** Hey, I feel kinda bad about bragging a while ago. I think I hurt someone's feelings who didn't get a good grade on the test.

**Student 3:** Well, maybe we should offer to help that person study or something. We could quiz each other!

**Student 1:** Yeah! That's a great idea! Hey, *(calling name of Student 2)*. Want to study with us for the next test?

**Student 2:** *(walking over slowly)* Okay. But only if you promise to stop bragging.

**Student 1:** *(smiling)* I'm sorry about that. I promise—no more bragging. When we all do well on the next test, I'll thank God instead!