

THE SIN OF PRIDE

VARIOUS SCRIPTURES



THEME:

KILLING PRIDE BY
OBSERVING THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST



Pride's History:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Satan (Isaiah 14 & Ezekiel 28)



*“There are six things which the Lord hates,
Yes, seven which are an abomination to
Him: Haughty eyes...”*

Proverbs 6:16



*“Everyone who is proud in heart
is an abomination to the Lord;
assuredly he will not go unpunished.”*

Proverbs 16:5



*“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way,
I hate.”*

Proverbs 8:13



“Pride lifts up the heart against God,
it contends for supremacy with Him.”

- Charles Bridges



How PRIDE is seen:

1. Fault finding
2. Harsh spirit
3. Superficiality
4. Defensiveness
5. Neglecting others
6. Desperation for attention



***“But to this one I will look,
To him who is humble
And contrite of spirit
And who trembles at My Word.”***

Isaiah 66:2b



APPLICATION:

- 1. *Declare war on your pride***
- 2. *Contemplate the humility of God (Phil 2:3-8)***
- 3. *Pursue correction and cleansing (James 4:6-10)***

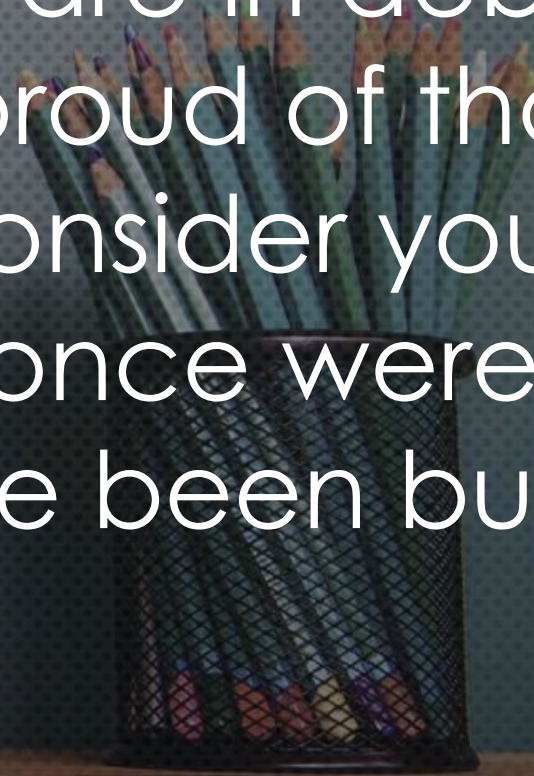


***“He who exalts himself will be humbled,
but he who humbles himself
shall be exalted.”***


Matthew 23:12



O believer, learn to reject pride, seeing that you have no ground for it. Whatever you are, you have nothing to make you arrogant. The more you have, the more you are in debt to God; and you should not be proud of that which makes you a debtor. Consider your origin; look back to what you once were. Consider what you would have been but for divine grace.



Therefore, be not proud, though you have many earthly treasures and temporal abilities you have not one single thing to call your own except your sin and misery. Oh! strange infatuation, that you, who have borrowed everything from God, should think of exalting yourself; a poor dependent beggar in need of the bounty of thy Savior. Your very life this moment would cease apart from fresh streams of life from Jesus every second of the day, and yet you are proud! O silly heart!



QUESTIONS on the sin of pride?



Group Discussion:

- Walk through the self-examination list. After personally affirming one or more, discuss what Scriptures you can use to fight the battle of that specific temptation toward pride.
1. *Do I think I'm more spiritually mature than others in my life?*
 2. *Am I able to humbly learn from others, especially those who are less educated or experienced than me?*
 3. *Do I quickly find fault with others?*
 4. *Do I frequently correct or criticize others?*
 5. *Do I have a hard time admitting when I am wrong?*
 6. *Am I controlling—of my spouse, my children, friends, those in my workplace?*
 7. *Do I neglect genuine, heartfelt prayer, worship, and time in the Word?*
 8. *Do I get easily hurt if my accomplishments or service is not recognized or rewarded?*
 9. *Is it hard for me to let others know when I'm in need of help (practically or spiritually)?*
 10. *Am I only thinking how many of these questions apply to someone I know...
...feeling pretty good that none of these things really apply to me?*

Helpful texts for fighting pride:

1. Jeremiah 9:23-24
2. Proverbs 8:13, 11:2
3. 1 Corinthians 4:7
4. 2 Corinthians 8:9
5. Luke 18:9-14
6. 1 John 2:15-17
7. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“THANKFULNESS IS THE SOIL IN WHICH PRIDE CANNOT GROW”

- John Stott