

# MONSTER MYTHS

## PART 3

Proverbs 16:18 **Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.**

**THE MONSTER: PRIDE.**

**THE DESCRIPTION: THE WORSHIP OF ONESELF.**

**THE LIE: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME.**

**THE VICTIM: PRIDE CAN CONSUME ANYONE.**

**THE LETDOWN: PRIDE WILL NEVER CURE ME OF MY INSECURITIES.**

**THE DANGER: A PERSON CONSUMED WITH PRIDE WILL BE BROUGHT LOW BY GOD.** - 1 Peter 5:5 "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Daniel 4:28–33 "But all these things did happen to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later he was taking a walk on the flat roof of the royal palace in Babylon. As he looked out across the city, he said, 'Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my majestic splendor.' "While these words were still in his mouth, a voice called down from heaven, 'O King Nebuchadnezzar, this message is for you! You are no longer ruler of this kingdom. You will be driven from human society. You will live in the fields with the wild animals, and you will eat grass like a cow. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses.' "That same hour the judgment was fulfilled, and Nebuchadnezzar was driven from human society. He ate grass like a cow, and he was drenched with the dew of heaven. He lived this way until his hair was as long as eagles' feathers and his nails were like birds' claws.

### ***HOW TO LOSE THE PRIDE AND LIVE IN HUMILITY***

#### ***1. I MUST REPENT OF MY PRIDE.***

Daniel 4:34A "After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned..."

#### ***2. I MUST REDIRECT MY PRAISE.***

Daniel 4:34B–35 "...and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. His rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal. All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, 'What do you mean by doing these things?'

#### ***3. I MUST RECEIVE MY PURPOSE.***

Daniel 4:36–37 "When my sanity returned to me, so did my honor and glory and kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored as head of my kingdom, with even greater honor than before. "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud."