

The Master Key
Luke 18:9-14
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- ⇒ Humility is the Master Key to Life.
- ⇒ What can destroy my marriage? What can end my employment or flounder my business or weaken my relationship with my children? What is the one thing that can do all of these and flush spirituality down the toilet? Pride!

Proverbs 16:18

1 John 2:16

“What is pride? It is almost always an attitude of self-sufficiency and independence (“I can handle this without help” or “I understand my situation better than anyone else”). It is often an attitude of self-righteousness (“I am at least as good as you are, probably better”). It is sometimes an attitude of boastfulness (“Look what I did, and look what this proves I can do”). It is commonly an attitude of superiority (“My intellect is greater, or my accomplishments are greater, or my looks are greater or something about me is greater”). Pride looks down on others. Pride does not listen well. It is stubborn. Pride is not eager to learn because it is confident in what it already knows. Pride is not quick to admit wrong because it fears it may look bad or lose its position. Pride is competitive and is easily threatened. Pride is insecure. Pride finds it hard to rejoice in the success of others. The truth is, we are all prideful souls in one way or another.”

Excerpt From The Prideful Soul's Guide to Humility — Michael Fontenot & Thomas A. Jones

1 Peter 5:5

- ⇒ The prideful man or woman is in direct opposition against their creator.

Proverbs 8:13

- ⇒ The big problem about pride isn't that we all have it, but more so that we don't take it seriously enough.

- “I'm just a prideful ol' man.”
- “Oh don't mind my husband, he's a bit prideful.”
- “Yep, she's a prideful gal.”

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Discussion Questions

- a. In what area of my life do I know I have pride/humility?
- b. How has pride or humility affected my life recently?
- c. Have I ever taken pride seriously enough to attempt to extinguish it from my heart and mind?
- d. A few thoughts on humility to reflect on and discuss from “A Prideful Soul's Guide to Humility.”
 - i. “The deepest humility comes from contemplating the greatness of God. Humility from any other source is shallow and vulnerable.”
 - ii. “Jesus was humble even before he entered into this world. Without humility he would not have come.”