

**The Root of Every Sin**  
**2 Chronicles 26**  
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- Common illustrations of Pride (CIPs) from Appendix of “Prideful Soul’s Guide to Humility”
  1. Thinking: “They should have asked me to do that. I would have done it better.”
  2. Wanting to turn the conversation to highlight something you have done.
  3. Not asking for counsel, advice or perspective about dating, marriage, parenting, finances, evangelism and other vital areas.
  4. Knowing that you are wrong, but resisting admitting it to yourself and then to others.
  5. For leaders: preaching what others ought to be doing, but not being open about the fact that you are not doing those things.

*The essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil... - C.S. Lewis*

*Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind... it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began. - C.S. Lewis*

1. Lust: my personal pleasure is something I need and deserve, therefore I shouldn't be at fault.
2. Hate: for what they've done to me they deserve every bit of my hatred, and whatever misfortune comes upon their life is welcome by me.
3. Rebellion: my plans and my ways are better than my \_\_\_\_\_. I know far more about \_\_\_\_\_ than they ever will!
4. Greed: what I desire is before anything and anyone else, and the only way to get what I want is to obtain more. My money, my possessions, and my future possessions are well deserved.
5. Prejudice/Racism: Those people and their ways/culture are not as good as ours.

*Psalm 10:2-6*

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- ⇒ Pride is essentially competitive...Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man. We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. You're proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better looking than others. If everyone else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking, there would be nothing to be proud about.