

## BEING PRIDEFUL

Proverbs 6:16-19

**Prideful:** Sinful, arrogant, haughty, insolent, self-reliant attitude or spirit that causes a person to have an inflated or puffed-up view of themselves.

**Self-righteousness or conceit is (sin) and the Lord hates it. Because it is a hindrance to seek him. Being prideful will make you do things that you should have not done. Being prideful will make you overlook forgiveness and make your heart fill that it's alright. Being prideful will make you tell a lie and don't care if everyone knows it's a lie. Being prideful will make you overlook everyone that has ever helped you. Giving ourselves credit for what God has done and taking the glory that belongs to God and holding on to it for ourselves. That's what being prideful will do.**

### 1 . 1 John 2:16-17

A . For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

B . Our foolish pride comes from this world, and so do our selfish desires and our desire to have everything we see. None of this comes from the Father. The world and the desires it causes are disappearing. But if we obey God, we will live forever.

**2:17 passing away:** John highlights the brevity of life. To be consumed with this life is to be unprepared for the next. What a tragedy to invest our resources in what will not last.

### 2 . Proverbs 6:16-19

A . These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A **proud look**, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

B . There are six or seven kinds of people the LORD doesn't like: Those who are **too proud** or tell lies or murder, those who make evil plans or are quick to do wrong, those who tell lies in court or stir up trouble in a family.

### 3 . Philippians 2:3-5

A . *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

B . Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought .

**Let this mind be:** All godly action begins with the "renewing of the mind." Right thinking produces right actions. Our actions are the fruit of our deepest thoughts.

**Still talking about being prideful**

#### 4 . Psalm 10:4

A . The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: *God is* not in all his thoughts.

B . The wicked are too proud to turn to you or even think about you.

**10:3, 4** **God is in none of his thoughts**: For the psalmist, this is the most difficult part of his circumstances (**14:1**). With no thought of God, his wicked enemies are able to boast in themselves. **They turn reality upside down by praising evil and spurning God.**

#### 5 . Romans 12:17-21

A . Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.**

B . Don't mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others, and do your best to live at peace with everyone. Dear friends, don't try to get even. Let God take revenge. In the Scriptures the Lord says, "I am the one to take revenge and pay them back." The Scriptures also say, "If your enemies are hungry, give them something to eat. And if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. This will be the same as piling burning coals on their heads." **Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.**

**12:20** Freed from vengeance, believers can give themselves to mercy, even toward their enemies. By acts of kindness, the believers will **heap coals of fire** on the head of their enemies, perhaps bringing shame and repentance to them. **It is possible for an enemy to become a friend .**

#### 6 . 1 John 2:3-6

A . And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

B . When we obey God, we are sure that we know him. But if we claim to know him and don't obey him, we are lying and the truth isn't in our hearts. We truly love God only when we obey him as we should, and then we know that we belong to him. If we say we are his, we must follow the example of Christ.

the Christian as a child of God *ought* to obey God because of a sincere desire to do so. It should be a joy to follow in the footsteps of the One who died for us.

#### 7 . 2 Corinthians 10:18

A . For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

B . You may brag about yourself, but the only approval that counts is the Lord's approval.

**10:18** Paul began this section by saying he was not going to place himself among the group that commended themselves (**v. 12**). The reason he would not was that **the Lord** would commend Him as a faithful worker (see **1 Cor. 4:5**). Throughout this passage, Paul has been very careful to only boast in the Lord and His work in order establish his credentials as an apostle to the Corinthians.

8 . Isaiah 2:11-12

A . The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

B . When the LORD comes, everyone who is proud will be made humble, and the LORD alone will be honored. The LORD All-Powerful has chosen a day when those who are proud and conceited will be put down.

**2:12 Lifted up** is translated "exalted" in [v. 2](#). Any rival to God's exaltation will be dwarfed. **The day of the LORD** is any time when the Lord of Hosts is victorious ([1:9](#)). The day of the Lord has two sides: (1) the night of God's judgment and (2) the daylight of His salvation after judgment. Isaiah used the term to describe either or both aspects.

9 . James 4:6-7

A . But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

B . In fact, God treats us with even greater kindness, just as the Scriptures say, "God opposes everyone who is proud, but he is kind to everyone who is humble."

those who elevate themselves will face a formidable foe ([v. 4](#)). God Himself will fight against their plans because they are not on His side.

10 . Isaiah 14:12-15      **Satan was cast out of heaven because of Pride**

A . **How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**

B . **You, the bright morning star, have fallen from the sky! You brought down other nations; now you are brought down. You said to yourself, "I'll climb to heaven and place my throne above the highest stars. I'll sit there with the gods far away in the north. I'll be above the clouds, just like God Most High." But now you are deep in the world of the dead.**

Hope today that you can better understand **Being Proudful**.

There are five things you must do to become a Christian

**Hear** the word, **Believe** what you have heard, **Repent**, **Confess**, and be **Baptized**

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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