

The Pride of Life

1 John 2:16

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.

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Identifying Pride:

1. Desiring to be recognized and appreciated
2. Feeling hurt when others are promoted and I am overlooked
3. Focusing on myself rather than others
4. Being quick to blame others for their failure
5. Becoming defensive when criticised
6. Being concerned with what others think of me
7. Difficulty admitting when I have failed another person
8. Viewing others as lower than myself

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Identifying Pride:

9. Desiring for others to meet my needs
10. Refusing to give up personal rights
11. Feeling sorry for myself because I am not appreciated
12. Focusing on my knowledge and experience
13. Feeling self-sufficient, with no need for others
14. Desiring to control others
15. Drawing attention to my abilities and achievements

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“Pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense”
--C.S. Lewis

Examples of pride:

Luke 18: 9-14

-Pharisee and tax collector

Daniel 4:28-37

-Nebuchadnezzar

2 Chronicles 26:1-5, 11-20

-King Uzziah

Pride: the Great sin

“...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: 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.”

(quoted from *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis)

The antidote to pride: The sacrifice of a broken heart

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Proud heart vs. Broken heart

A Proud Heart...

1. Is self-righteous; looks down on others.
2. Has an independent, self-sufficient spirit.
3. Has to prove that he is right.
4. Is self-protective of his time, his rights, and his reputation.
5. Desires to be a success.

A Broken and Contrite Heart...

1. Esteems all others better than themselves.
2. Has a dependent spirit; recognizes his need for others.
3. Is willing to yield the right to be right.
4. Is self-denying.
5. Is motivated to be faithful and to make others a success.

Proud heart vs. Broken heart

A Proud Heart...

6. Has a drive to be recognised and appreciated.
7. Desires to be served.
8. Has a subconscious feeling, “This ministry/ church is privileged to have me and my gifts;” think of what I can do for God.
9. Is self-conscious.

A Broken and Contrite Heart...

6. Has a sense of his own unworthiness; is thrilled that God can use him at all.
7. Is motivated to serves others.
8. Has a attitude that says, “I don’t deserve to have a part in any ministry. I have nothing to offer God except the life of Jesus flowing through my broken life.”
9. Is not concerned with self at all.

Proud heart vs. Broken heart

A Proud Heart...

10. Wants to be sure that no one finds out when he has sinned; instinct is to cover up.
11. Is blind to his true heart condition.
12. Waits for the other to come and ask forgiveness when there is a conflict or misunderstanding.
13. Doesn't think he has anything to repent of.

A Broken and Contrite Heart...

10. Doesn't care who knows or who finds out; is willing to be exposed because he has nothing to lose.
11. Walks in the Light.
12. Takes the initiative to be reconciled. He races to the Cross; no matter how wrong the other may have been.
13. Realizes he has need of a continual heart attitude of repentance.

The Unity Of Humility

Philippians 2:1-18

- **Like-minded**
- **Same love, one accord, one mind**
- **No selfish ambition or conceit**
- **Esteem others better**
- **Look out for others interest**
- **Let Jesus' mind be in you**
- **Do all things without complaining or disputing**
- **Be poured out as an offering**