

**I Am A Champion:
Overcoming the Attitudes,
Emotions, Passions And Habits That
Threaten To Defeat You!**

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Pride!



**Pride goes before destruction,
a haughty spirit before a fall.**

Proverbs 16:18



**Pride has been referred to
as the original sin,
the root of all sins.**



**The Latin word for Pride is
“suberia” and
it means “above or better”.**



**Our English dictionary defines
“pride” as an “immodest degree
of self-esteem or an over evaluation set
upon persons by themselves, which
undervalues and
oppresses others.”**



Do not think of oneself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of us.

Romans 12:3



**Pride is the sin of
too much love of self.**



We often develop a list of what is right and what is wrong with other humans as we look down our nose at them. Our pride places us on the achievement list of all that is right while at the same time condemning all around us to a life on the side of all that is wrong.

Randy Rowland, *The Sins We Love*



Ezekiel 28:11- 17



**Your heart became proud!
It was what was in Satan's heart
that destroyed him and
led to his downfall.**



Pride is the exalting of self!
It happens so easily,
almost before you realize it!



**Pride says, it's all about me!
Look at me!
I am special.**



Self-esteem is a healthy pride.



There is an appropriate or just pride that Webster defines as “lofty self respect; a reasonable delight in one’s position, achievements and possessions.”



“reasonable”



Pride is so subtle.



**None of us are self-made;
we are God-made!**



**The problem is,
pride has a way of coloring outside
the lines.**



**Pride has then become
conceit or superiority.**



**You said in your heart, I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God;
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon
(the most sacred mountain of the Canaanites)
I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.**

Isaiah 14:12-14



Pride is a heart thing.



**As water reflects a face,
so a man or woman's heart
reflects the man or woman.**

Proverbs 27:19



In conversations, you can always tell a prideful person because the only person they want to talk about is himself or herself.

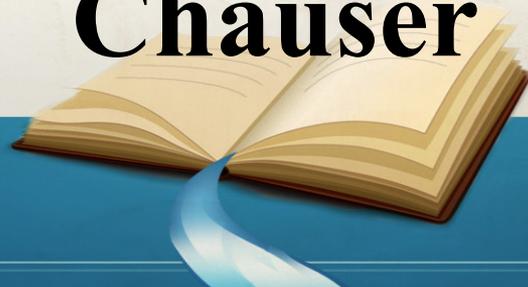


**The “I” in pride is
at the center of the itch
for recognition.**



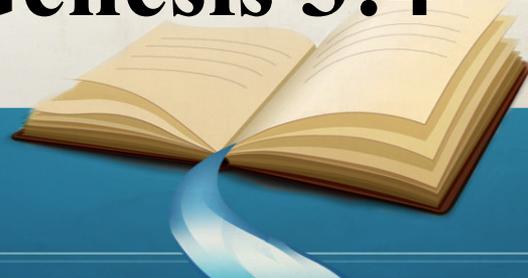
**Pride is the swelling of the heart.
It is the force working inside of us
that makes ourselves the goal and
destination of our own longings.**

Chaucer



“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:4 – 5



I will be like God.



Mark 10:35-45



**Pride also causes tension
and stress in our lives.**



**Pride is foolish
because it is fatal.**



**Pride can so easily become selfish
ambition.**



**You are talented;
you do know more than
your supervisor, perhaps you
should be in that position.**



Let me show you what I mean!

**Moses was God's chosen leader of
the Israelites.**



**In her pride, she started
to criticize Moses,
but not directly.**



Numbers 12:1-3



**Are there times when you
feel like it's your turn? You
are the one who should be in
the position that someone else
is occupying?**

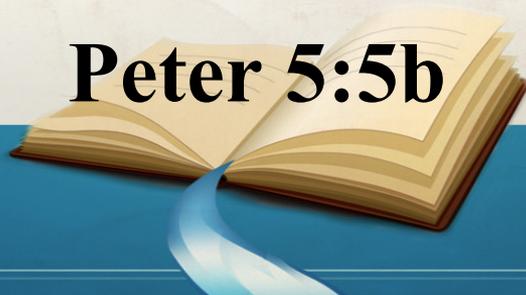


**It says that Moses was a very
humble man, more humble
than anyone else on the
face of the earth was.**



All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble”. Humble yourselves, therefore under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety upon him because he cares for you.”

Peter 5:5b



**Here is the way to
put pride in check!**



Humility is a word derived from the Latin word “humus” which means “of the earth”. To be of the earth is to be nothing more and nothing less than who and what you really are. Humility is accurate self-assessment and self-assertion. Humility keeps us from underrating and overrating who we are.



Now listen, Moses may not have been very articulate, but he had some things according to human standards that he could have been very proud of.



There are many different kinds of pride:

- **Intellectual pride**



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.

Proverbs 3:5-6



**Faith or trust in God goes beyond
and supersedes worldly
knowledge, learning and reason.**



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- **Intellectual pride**
- **Material pride**



**Humility makes
God look good!**



**Your self worth is not determined
by your possessions, this is also true
of education, and positions
in the world, so we are always
striving for more.**



**Though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.**

Psalms 62:10b



**Every good and perfect gift comes
from above, coming down from
the Father of heavenly lights.**

James 1:17



Exodus 8:18



There are many different kinds of pride:

- **Intellectual pride**
- **Material pride**
- **Spiritual pride**



**Spiritual pride says that
we are all that we are spiritually
on our own.**



Luke 18:9-18



Pride destroys relationships.



**Pride is destructive to
relationships. Pride is destructive
to healthy self-hood.
That is exactly what Satan
wants to do, destroy us.**



Philippians 2:1-11



Proverbs 6:16-19; 8:13



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

Psalm 51:17



- 1. What are the ways that you are prideful? If you don't know, ask God to reveal to you all the ways you are prideful.**
- 2. What are the motives and motivations for the things that you do? Is it about you or God's glory?**



3. Can you wait on God to promote you? Why or why not?

Let James 4:7-10 minister to you!



4. We have to be intentional about putting the needs of others first. Philippians 2:1-3. We must pay attention to, be concerned about what others need, desire and want from us.

