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“CHECKING YOUR PRIDE”

PRIDE-Pride is excessive belief in oneself or one's own abilities that interferes with the individual's recognition of the grace of God. It has been called the sin from which all others arise. Pride is also known as vanity.

HOW GOD FEELS ABOUT PRIDE

- ✓ Proverbs 21:4--"An high look, and a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin."
- ✓ Proverbs 6:17--"The Lord hates "a proud look."
- ✓ Proverbs 16:5--"Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord."
- ✓ Proverbs 8:13--"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride, and arrogance ... do I hate."
- ✓ Proverbs 16:18--"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."
- ✓ Proverbs 29:23--"A man's pride shall bring him low."
- ✓ Proverbs 11:2--"When pride cometh, then cometh shame."

THE FRUIT OF PRIDE (How do I know if I have a pride problem?)

- When you don't consult God on decisions for your life. Psalms 127:1
- When you are never wrong. 1 John 1:8
- When selfishness keeps you from helping others. Philippians 2:3-4, Luke 10:25-37
- When you are obsessed with physical attributes (appearance, beauty, etc.). 1 Peter 3:3-4
- When you are never open to constructive criticisms. Proverbs 12:15
- When you have a hard time celebrating the accomplishments of others (blessings, promotions, victories, etc.). Romans 12:15
- When you constantly brag. Proverbs 27:2
- When you look down on others because of their lack of materialism, appearance, job, etc... 1 Timothy 6:10

BIBLICAL PICTURES OF PRIDE

- ❖ Satan-Ezekiel 28:12-19
- ❖ The Elder Brother-Luke 15
- ❖ Nebuchadnezzar-Daniel 4:28-37
- ❖ Belshazzar-Daniel 5
- ❖ Uzziah-2 Chronicles 26:16,21
- ❖ Saul-1 Samuel 15:35
- ❖ Rich Young Ruler-Luke 18:18-27
- ❖ Rich Fool-Luke 12:13-21

HOW DO I WIN THE FIGHT OVER THE SPIRIT OF PRIDE?

I MUST **PRAY**

- Psalm 51:10
- Psalm 139:23-24

I MUST HAVE THE RIGHT **PERSPECTIVE**

- James 1:17
- Psalm 24:1
- Deut 8:18
- Roman 3:23
- 1 Cor 13:4

I MUST BE IN THE RIGHT **POSITION**

- 2 Chron 7:14
- 1 Peter 5:6