

4. Pride _____ itself in Various Ways.

- **SELF-**_____ & _____ (Proverbs 25:6-7, 27; 27:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 2:4-6).

PROVERBS 25:6-7: “Do not exalt yourself in the king’s presence, and do not claim a place among great men; ⁷it is better for him to say to you, “Come up here,” than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.”

PROVERBS 25:27: “It is not good to eat too much honey, nor is it honorable to seek one’s own honor.”

PROVERBS 27:2: “Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.”

CONSIDER JESUS’ DISCIPLES

MARK 9:33-37: “They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.” ³⁶He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

MARK 10:35-45: “Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³⁷They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” ³⁸“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” ³⁹“We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared. ⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Criticism and judgment of others can be another form of pride if it is done for the purpose of elevating yourself by making someone else look bad. Do you attempt to make yourself look better than you are by putting down someone else? Do you compare yourself with others?

- **SELF-**_____ (Proverbs 27:1; James 4:13-17; Jeremiah 17:5-8).

“Where there’s worry, where there’s anxiousness, *pride* is at the root of it. When I am experiencing anxiety, the root issue is that I’m trying to be self-sufficient. I’m acting independent of God. What’s the solution? ‘Humble yourself’, God says. How? Acknowledge your need for Me!...I have to remember that whenever I feel buried under care, the real issue is pride and my self-sufficiency. I must deliberately and specifically cast my cares upon Him and thereby humble myself.” **C.J Mahaney, 75-76.**

- **SELF-**_____ (Luke 18:9-14).

LUKE 18:9-14: “To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.’ ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

- **SELF-**_____ (Proverbs 13:10; James 4:1-3; Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 6:1-7).

PROVERBS 13:10: “Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.”

JAMES 4:1-3: “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You want

something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5: "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:..."

THE WAY FORWARD: A Call to Humility

STEP #1: Be Content with God's _____
(Matthew 25:21-23).

STEP #2: Be Committed to God's _____ (Col. 3:17).

STEP #3: Be Quick to Acknowledge God as the _____
of all _____ (James 1:17).

STEP #4: Be _____ on the _____.

STEP #5: Be _____ over the sin of Pride (James 4:1-10).

FINAL THOUGHTS

PROVERBS 29:23: "A man's pride brings him low, *but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.*"

MATTHEW 5:3: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

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Introduction:

1. Pride is _____ by God.

PROVERBS 6:16-19: "There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: ¹⁷haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, ¹⁹a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers."

PROVERBS 8:13: "To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech."

PROVERBS 16:5: "The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished."

2. Pride is _____ by God.

PROVERBS 15:25: "The Lord tears down the proud man's house but he keeps the widow's boundaries intact."

PROVERBS 3:34: "He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble."

JAMES 4:6: "That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

3. Pride Results in _____.

PROVERBS 16:18-19: "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. ¹⁹Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud."

PROVERBS 18:11-12: "The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall. ¹²Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor."

PROVERBS 29:23: "A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor."