

## Doctrine of Pride (part 2)

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11. Pride is the most dangerous sin. It is the most destructive thing in a believer's life. It is no exaggeration to say it is the number one destroyer of capacity for truth. Consider how power of pride to corrupt in liberalism today—both in government and in the church. Pride always leads to human good/evil and hatred. Consider how pride is destroying truth in government (natural law, laws of divine establishment) and in the church (rejection of Bible doctrine).
12. We are all born with a great deal of pride (Gen 8:21; Job 14:4; 15:14-16; Ecc 7:20; Mk 7:21). No one is born with humility. No one is born with the ability to genuinely think outside of self and submit to God. This shows the importance of the inculcation of enforced humility in raising children.
13. Pride makes it impossible to really understand Bible doctrine (Js 1:21).
14. Pride rejects importance of Bible Doctrine (Prov 15:5, 10-12). When a believer rejects Bible Doctrine he is a sucker for anything that comes along. Pride is the main reason people reject serious doctrinal teaching. Pride wants to be entertained—epigrams and platitudes to tickle their ears.
15. Pride destroys ability to use Bible Doctrine (Ps 25:8-9). No matter how much Bible Doctrine you have, arrogance cancels out all application. Most divine discipline is related to pride and is designed to wake the believer up. Not to recognize the need to apply Bible doctrine is always related to pride.
16. Pride rejects the importance of Jesus Christ. Recognizing the importance of Jesus Christ begins with fellowship with Him.
17. Pride destroys capacity for life. In pride a person does not have the ability to love the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word.
18. Pride is a great source of mental attitude clusters of sins like bitterness, antagonism, vindictiveness, scoffing (Psa. 10:2-11; 73:6-9).
19. Pride puts more value in kosmos diabolicus than the things of God (Psa 49:11; 1 Jn 2:15-16). Pride believes that true happiness is found in more money, popularity in school, extra-curricular activities, education, sports, music. In pride these things actually become the drive of a person's life from morning to dawn. In pride a person's mind is filled with the things of kosmos diabolicus every waking hour, even if a person takes in doctrine daily.
20. Pride refuses humility (Dt 8:3). Pride refuses to submit to duly constituted authority. Humility is always related to duly constituted authority. In pride the wife will tend to be domineering instead of trusting in the decisions of the husband. The proud husband will not submit himself to the Lord and treasure his wife unconditionally.
21. Pride blinds a person to their blessings (Dt 8:3).
22. Pride destroys gratitude (Dt 8:11-18). In pride there is no gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ, Bible Doctrine, God's people, or many of the creature comforts God provides.
23. Pride plummets the believer into reversionism (cf. Saul). While it is understandable that a new believer might begin to learn Bible Doctrine for some selfish reasons, it is not rationally justified for a believer who has begun to develop a close and rich relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ to move into legalism (e.g., the Galatians) and no longer care for the Lord, Bible doctrine, or assembling with God's people.

24. Pride destroys every aspect of our lives (Prov. 11:2; 16:18; 29:23). It will not only destroy your love for Bible doctrine, it will destroy your marriage and family.
25. Pride has a lot of power—power for evil. It is the greatest cosmic power on earth. It was what destroyed Helel and motivated Adam and Eve to give up God's best: a relationship with God and perfect environment. It is also the power that motivates people to give up the perfect environment in the Millennium when they revolt once again against God. Pride has the power to turn loving husbands and wives into bitter enemies. The only thing more powerful than pride is humility. The only way to remove pride is by displacing it with genuine humility—which is possible through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Gal. 5:22-23.
26. Pride destroys motivation and drive for the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ (Philip 3; 2 Cor. 12:7-10). In pride a person does not care about the supergrace life.
27. Pride is a declared enemy of God (Prov 3:33-35; 6:17; 8:13; 16:5, 18; Lk 14:11; Js 4:6). Pride always leads to a great deal of demon influence. In pride the believer is at war with God and the plan of God. In pride the believer makes himself into an enemy of God.

James 4:4-6 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"? 6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

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