

PROHIBITING PRIDE

Psalm 75:4-7

True piety is accomplished only when we prohibit pride

I. DEMONSTRATIONS OF PRIDE

- Proverbs 20:6 “Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness:
but a faithful man who can find?” (KJV)

- A. SELF-EXALTATION: Lucifer in Isaiah 14:11-15
- B. SELF-IMPORTANCE: Haman in Esther 3:5, 5:11-13, 6:6
- C. SELF-SATISFACTION: King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:28-37
- D. SELF-RELIANCE: The fruitful farmer in Luke 12:16-21
- E. SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS: The Pharisee in Luke 18:11-12

II. DANGERS OF PRIDE

- Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” (KJV)

- A. PRIDE KEEPS US FROM LISTENING - Jeremiah 13:8-10, 15-17
- B. PRIDE KEEPS US FROM REPENTING - Hosea 7:10
- C. PRIDE KEEPS US FROM RIGHTEOUSNESS - Habakkuk 2:4
- D. PRIDE KEEPS US FROM GRACE - James 4:6
- E. PRIDE KEEPS US FROM REALITY - Revelation 3:17

III. DEALING WITH PRIDE

- We overcome when we ...

- A. REMEMBER GOD - Deuteronomy 8:11-18
 - Keep in mind I Cor. 4:7 where God’s Word asks “What do you have that you didn’t receive?”

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B. RESEMBLE CHRIST - Philippians 2:3-7

- Another example of this is Christ's washing feet in the Upper Room - See John 13:12-17

C. STEP DOWN - Luke 9:46-48

- Be the least

1. Remember Christ's instruction - Matt. 20:26
2. Seek no special recognition - Matt. 23:5-12
3. Remember your commission - Luke 17:10

D. DON'T COMPARE - II Corinthians 10:12, 18**CONCLUSION:**

Will you or I come to mind when others are asked to think of someone who is proud?

Let us remember these two truths

1. "A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.
- Proverbs 29:23
2. "For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word. - Isaiah 66:2

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