

HUMILITY BEFORE HONOR

Not As Other Men

Foundation-A big part of getting rid of pride is locating and a big part of locating it is knowing what it is-Many think have none because they don't know what it is

I. **Pride is a condition of the heart where you see yourself high**

- A. Pride is of the heart-It produces behaviors, but the problem is not the behavior, but the condition of the heart (The issue is not that you interrupt people, this issue is why do you interrupt people)-**2Ch32:26**-*The pride of his heart*-**Is9:9**-*The pride and stoutness of heart*-**Jr48:29**-*The haughtiness of his heart*-**Jr49:16, Ob1:3**-*The pride of thine heart*-**Dn5:20**-*When his heart was lifted up and his mind hardened in pride*
- B. Pride is being high-minded (in your mind you are high/above)-This is the root of pride and this is what needs to change-**Rm11:20**-*Be not highminded*-**1Tm6:17**-*Charge...rich...be not highminded*-**2Tm3:4**-*Highminded*
 - 1. With pride in you, you operate from a position that you are above-Pride isn't producing one wrong behavior in your life, it's your operating system and therefore affects many things do
- C. From that position of high-mindedness certain behaviors manifest-Judging because you see the most and know the best; Unteachable because you know the most; Rebellion and disobedience because you know better; Unrepentant because you're right; Seek your own because you're the most important; Unbelief because you know what's true; Don't seek counsel from God or people because you're so smart; Strife because you're right

II. **Four foundational principles of pride:**

- A. Pride lifts itself up-High, height, make higher, highness, loftiness, exaltation, soar, altitude, elevated place, mount up-**Lk18:14**-*Every one that exalts himself shall be abased*-**2Th2:3**-*The son of perdition; ⁴... exalteth himself above all that is called God*-**Is14:12**-*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*¹³**For** *thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*¹⁴*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*¹⁵*Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.* ¹⁶*They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms*
- B. Pride has a high (untrue) opinion of itself-Lofty, swollen, inordinate conception and estimate of one's self, superiority, qualities and importance; Empty assurance-**Rm12:3**-*I say through the grace given unto me to every man that is among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly (right mind)*-**CJ**-*Exaggerated ideas about your own importance*
- C. Pride looks down on/thinks little of others-It's sense of superiority manifests in contempt of others-**Ph2:3**-*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory (empty pride); but in lowliness of mind let each esteem*

(value) other better (above) than themselves-**Rm12:3-REM**-Don't get caught in the trap of thinking you are somehow better than others; rather be honest with yourself about your own state of spiritual health

- D. Pride deals in lies-Blind with pride, render foolish/stupid, beclouded Envelop with smoke, wrap in a mist-**Ob1:3**-The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? ⁴Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down saith the Lord.

III. **The heart of pride-I AM NOT AS OTHERS ARE-Lk18:9**-He spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised (see no value in) others:¹⁰Two men went up into the temple to pray...a Pharisee...a publican.¹¹The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself God I thank you that I AM NOT AS OTHER MEN ARE extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.¹²I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. ¹³The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven but smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.¹⁴I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be abased and he that humbles himself shall be exalted

- A. You are a lot like other people-**1Cor4:6**-Ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. ⁷For who maketh thee to differ from another?

- B. Pride compares itself with others and exalts itself above others-I'm highER, smartER, holiER; I'm separate from the crowd, more special (I'm not saying others aren't _____, but I'm more, I'm one of the few)

1. Humility wants to be as knowledgeable, anointed, holy as it can be, pride wants to be MORE knowledgeable, anointed, holy than you

2. Pride is a value setter/judge-Always setting its value above others

- C. This air of superiority is detestable to God-It stinks, He hates it-**Pr16:5**-Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination (disgusting) to the LORD-**Ps138:6**-Though the Lord be high yet hath he respect unto the lowly but the proud he knows afar off-**Ps101:5-BBE**-The man with a high look and a heart of pride is disgusting to me-**Pr8:13**-Fear of the LORD is to hate evil:pride and arrogancy and the evil way and the froward mouth, do I hate

Confession of humility-I am not better than others. I am not more special than others. I am a lot like everybody else. Even though the Lord has helped me to grow in knowledge, there's still a lot of people who know more than me. Even though the Lord has anointed me to do some things, there's a lot of people more anointed than I am. Even though I've grown in my commitment to The Lord, there's a lot people who are more committed than I am. Even though I've grown in living a holy lifestyle, there's a lot of people who live a holier life than I do. I am a long ways away from perfect. I have continued to make a lot of mistakes throughout my life. I'm still immature in a lot of ways. In most situations my knowledge is woefully limited. I should humble myself and be quiet because I don't know everything. I should humble myself and stop judging others because I am far from a beacon of righteousness and perfection. I should humble myself and stop correcting others and focus on the things that I need to correct in my life. I should humble myself and stop acting like I know what everybody else should do. Most of the time I barely know what I should do. I should humble myself and stop thinking the most important things in my life are my things. The Lord's things are much more important than mine. I should humble myself and ask The Lord for wisdom more, because I know so little. I should humble myself and obey God more quickly and more often because He knows a lot more than I do. I will humbly pursue God and endeavor to be the best that I can be in every area of my life and I will stop comparing myself with others and exalting myself above them.

NOTES: Pride-FROM-H1342-Mount up, to rise, lifted up, exalted-H1346-Arrogance or majesty; by implication (concretely) ornament:-excellency, haughtiness, highness, pride, proudly, swelling-AH-A lifting up of oneself; Someone elevated to a higher position-H1347-Arrogancy (W18-Exorbitant claims of rank, dignity, estimation or power which exalts the worth of importance of a person to an undue degree; Proud contempt of others)-H1363-Arrogance, haughty, height, high, loftiness, pride-H1466-Exaltation, lifting up, arrogance-H2087-Arrogance, presumptuous, pride-H7830-Strut, haughtiness (evidence by the attitude)-G212-Braggadocio, self-confidence, an insolent empty assurance, braggart talk, an impious empty presumption-G5187-Envelop with smoke, to inflate with self-conceit (lofty or vain conception of one's own person), high minded, be lifted up, raise in smoke, wrap in a mist, to blind with pride and render foolish and stupid, beclouded-G5243-The character of one who, with a swollen estimate of his own powers or merits, looks down on others and even treats them with insolence and contempt-Proud-H7295-Defiant-Haughty-H1361-To soar, to be lofty, to be haughty, exalt, make higher, mount up, upward-H4791-Altitude, elevated place, a lot, upward-Pride (W18)-Inordinate self-esteem; unreasonable conceit of one's own superiority which often manifests contempt of others-Haughty-Having a high opinion of one's self, with contempt for others