

Introduction:**1. What is pride?**

- Pride is an excessive _____ of yourself.

2. _____ of pride against God.

A. Pride causes us to GLORY in our own supposed greatness and MAGNIFY ourselves, when the surpassing greatness of God should cause us to recognize our unworthiness and magnify our Maker.

B. Pride causes us to LIVE ultimately for ourselves, and not for our Creator.

C. Pride causes us to DEPEND ON ourselves and to try to be IN CONTROL of everything in our lives.

D. Pride causes us to pit our own WISDOM against the infinite wisdom of God.

E. Pride causes us to put our own LOVE and MERCY above God's love and mercy.

F. Pride causes it to be very hard for us to see the magnitude of our _____ and to perceive our lack of _____.

Matt 7.3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

John 9.40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"

G. Pride causes us to _____ the ordinary good that we see in ourselves.

James 2.19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

2 Cor 7.10 For **godly grief** produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas **worldly grief** produces death.

Gal 6.3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

H. Pride causes us to have very little sense of our need for a _____.

Matt 13.20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who **hears the word** and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he **has no root in himself**, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

Phil 3.4–6 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for **confidence in the flesh**, I have more: 5 **circumcised** on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to **zeal**, a persecutor of the church; as to **righteousness** under the law, blameless.

1 Tim 1.15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.**

Phil 3.8 I count everything as loss because of the **surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.**

I. Pride causes us to have very little sense of our need to be made _____.

Eph 2.1 And you were **dead** in the trespasses and sins

Jer 1.10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,
to **pluck up** and to **break down**,
to **destroy** and to **overthrow**,
to **build** and to **plant**.”

2 Cor 5.17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

John 15.5b Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that **bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.**

Phil 2.13 for it is **God who works in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

J. Pride causes us to undervalue God's _____ and leaves us unthankful for them.

Gen 32.10 *I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant,*

2 Chr 32.24–26 *In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, and he prayed to the Lord, and he answered him and gave him a sign. 25 **But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud.** Therefore wrath came upon him and Judah and Jerusalem. 26 **But Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.***

Conclusion:

1 Pet 5.5b–6 *God opposes the proud but **gives grace to the humble.**” 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,*