

# Pride Sermon

## Part 2

**Intro:** Why do Christians still deal with sickness, oppression, struggles with sin, anger, divorce, family strife, lust, family curses, and financial problems. The Bible clearly has promises of all these issues being taken care of in our lives.

I believe there are probably one of these root issues: Pride, Fear, Rebellion, Unforgiveness, Lust (renewed mind), not living by faith, the need for inner healing, or Personal Deliverance.

The voice of doubt and fear says that God will not take care of you in what you are going through, so you need to take matters into your own hands. When things answered prayers delay, people get discouraged and get out of faith. But humility and faith work together. We know God hears our prayers. So let's humble ourselves when we see unanswered prayers and ask him to show us where we are missing it, so that are prayers can start getting answered.

**1. Falling into sin:** Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction and haughty spirit before a fall.

**2. Being teachable (pet doctrines) Matthew 18:1-6**

- a. Churches need to humble themselves, let go of pet doctrines and pride, and ask the Lord where they are missing it.
- b. Seeker friendly Sin-drome (where is the true gospel, where is truth, where is repentance?)
- c. Criticizing the supernatural or what they don't understand **2Pet 2:12**

**3. Pride can be very generational:** Leviathan is a generational spirit in many cases and it seems to strongly affect people in their health and finances.

**4. Characteristics of Pride:**

- a. Thinking God will kill your enemies or destroy them for you
- b. The way you think is how God thinks
- c. The religious spirit
- d. Jealous of others success
- e. Wanting to downfall of others
- f. Not being teachable

There are many scriptures that instruct God's people to be meek and humble (Matt 18:4; Luke 14:11; 18:14; John 13:14-17). The apostles also taught all Christians to be humble (1Tim 1:15-17; 1Pet 5:6). Proverbs 18:12 points out the difference between pride and humility: "Before destruction the heart of man is haughty and before honor is humility."

**Pride self check**

- Hate to be corrected or disciplined
- Blaming others (even blaming the devil)
- Independence
- Critical or fault-finding of others
- Moving into battles in presumption
- Cannot take constructive criticism
- Defend pet doctrines and very territorial
- Have difficulty admitting wrong and/or apologizing
- Difficulty submitting to authority (have relational issues with people in authority over you)
- Don't understand how to show respect to those in authority over you
- Lack of patience with others in their sin
- Self Righteousness and spiritual pride (taking pride in what God has done in your life)
- Performance measuring and measuring success about external things
- Desiring and yearning for praise and compliments
- Rejoicing in the Failures of others
- You compulsively defend yourself (against wrong impressions or criticism)
- Fake or exaggerate knowledge (one upping people)
- Not risk takers (play it safe and want to be admired doesn't want to fail)
- Cannot praise others or give proper honor
- Compulsive interrupting people or talk continually dominating the conversation

Confrontation	Suspicion	Depression
Pride of Life	Reproach	Suicide
Pride of the World	Discredit	Guilt
Lust of Flesh	Wickedness	Perfection
Lust of the Eyes	Gluttony	Unfairness
Deception	Loftiness	Fantasy
Ignorance	Confusion	Anger
Unlearnableness	Hatred	Control
Deceitfulness	Intolerance	Possessiveness
Cunning	High Looks	Frustration
Self-Seduction	Foolishness	Guile
Self-Will	Retaliation	Resentment

*The yellow scans are from Richard Ing's Teachings.*

Pride of Body	Swearing	Backbiting
Pride of Intellect	Criticism	Arrogance
Pride of Sexual Power	Conceitedness	Spiritual Pride
Pride of Worldly Things	Selfishness	False Humility
Pride of Power	Greed	Boasting
Pride of Money	Possessions	Challenging
Idolatry/Worship of Self	Bragging	Arguing
Hard-Heartedness	Lying	Contention
Prideful Looks	Exaggeration	Disputing
Lawyer/Contesting	Slumber	Questioning
Vain Imaginations	Slothfulness	Cheating
Impatience	Laziness	Rebellion
Disobedience	Idleness	Destruction
Sauciness	Impurity	Snares
Mincing Steps	Bullying	Cords
Let-Others-Do-It	Disrespect	Nets
Judgmentalism	Lawlessness	Traps
Self-Righteousness	Scorner	Noose
Complaining	Strife	Perverseness
Looking Down	Vanity	Error
Putting Down	Corruption	False Prosperity
Gossiping	Oppression	Cheating
Laughing at Others	Blasphemy	Cursing
Misfortune	Slander	Deception
Prince Charming	Mocking	Dead Works
Cinderella	Shame	False Prophecy
False Compassion	Proud Wrath	False Doctrines
Vivid Imagination	Jealousy	Unfruitfulness
Haughtiness	Unforgiveness	Deep Hurt
Rejection of Others	Superiority	Envy
Accusation of Others	Drunkennes	Self-Pity
Disrespect for Authority	Condemnation	Violence

